

March 12, 1982

Dear Friends:

The Network (of White People Against Racism) lives!

We have heard from a few of you who said you appreciated and are using the last packet and gave us some feedback. We are putting together an all day workshop on racism (flier enclosed) at DeColores MCC, March 13, 1982. Some of our friends from L.A.'s White Women Against Racism will be there to assist. If any of you can come, we'd love it! We can arrange housing for you.

In addition, we are planning to do a shorter version of the workshop at the Southwest District Conference in Fresno, in May of this year. The Task Force on Race Relations of the Fellowship is encouraging us to hold such meetings and workshops at all District Conferences sometime this year, preferably in May. So, contact your District Coordinator, or whoever plans the agenda for your conference, and ask for time for a Network workshop or meeting. Use the materials from the Race Relation packet produced by the Fellowship, or other materials we have shared with you, or that you have discovered yourself. We will keep sending new materials as we discover them. If for some reason a workshop at your District Conference is not possible, consider asking your local church to host one for you and for your region or district.

At the same time, there will be regional conferences of Third World Lesbian and Gay Christians in preparation for the first international conference in Detroit in October of this year. (Please see enclosed report by Rev. Renee McCoy). PLEASE DO ALL YOU CAN TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF THESE REGIONAL CONFERENCES. If you know Third World people in your local church, community or District who are not involved because they don't know about the Task Force or the upcoming conferences, please put them in touch with Rev. Renee McCoy 716 Sackett St. Brooklyn, N.Y. 11217 or Ruth Gough, 620 Umbria St., Los Angeles, CA. 90042. Ask your local church to be supportive of the regional conferences by offering meeting space, housing, etc.

As always, the Task Force on Race Relations needs financial help. They are only receiving \$100.00 out of the budgeted \$700.00 per month that they are supposed to be receiving, due to Fellowship austerity conditions. You can help lobby to increase their allotment, or to find other funds.

We are enclosing some more articles and workshop materials for response. Please let us know if you like the materials, and especially if you use them! Send us any of your plans if you decide to host a workshop.

Enclosed also is the updated Network list. Give us more names to add.

We also need articles and ideas from you, perhaps some that can be submitted to The Gay Christian or In Unity.

Thanks for caring.

Grace & Peace,

Nancy Wilson
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FOR MARCH 1982 ISSUE

TO: LESBIAN NEWS

FROM: WHITE WOMEN AGAINST RACISM

RACISM ISN'T JUST SKIN DEEP

The following are statements I have heard all my life, used myself, and heard white lesbians say:

"I just don't see skin color."

"I treat everyone the same (regardless of color)."

"Under the skin, we're all just human, after all."

On one level, these statements seem to sound good. But lets take a closer look.

These statements put forth an understanding of "race relations" and its "ideal". It is the liberal ideal, and the one I grew up with. Its basic assumption is that to be a nice, un-racist white person is to pretend not to notice what color someone is. Its major tenet is that all people should have the "same opportunity regardless of color".

However, its deeper assumptions and implications are deadly for people of color and for white people.

First of all, these statements are designed to earase and trivialize the existence and struggles of people of color. In "not seeing color anymore", we are reinforcing white as the norm, and expecting people of color to cheerfully accept being "included" in one big white happy family. It implies that the political struggles and life issues of people of color are to be made invisible and insignificant. It is a deeply racist assumption.

Secondly, it assumes that overcoming racism for whites is a simple superficial matter of pretending - faking it to make it. By sort of including people of color in our big white happy family, we have solved the problem. In fact, there is no problem since I am no longer racist, and people of color are no longer people of color, but JUST PEOPLE. (Read JUST WHITE PEOPLE).

The truth is that racism is not skin deep. The differences between white women and women of color are also not just skin deep. We have such signigicant differences in our experiences of reality, "sisterhood", community, work, oppression. These differences are rooted in our bodies, hearts, and minds. They took lifetimes and milleniums to develop.

Also, the differences among women of color are also significant. White women often make one-dimensional assumptions about women of color: that all women of color are poor, all Latina women are from Mexico or live in the inner city.

Dealing with racism is to see more clearly the importance of color and culture in having shaped who we are. For white women, it is coming to the painful awareness of what it costs women of color to live in a "white world" and the dawning awareness of what being white and racist does to one's heart, mind, values, integrity.

Coming up from racism is not a matter of faking it, or pretending not to notice. I cringe now when I remember saying to a women of color to whom I thought I was a friend, "Gosh, I don't even think of you as black (or latina or Asian...)." Dealing with racism is beginning to notice. It is uprooting in ourselves the false valuing of white over color and all the variations of that in our daily lives and interactions.

WHITE WOMEN AGAINST RACISM By: N.Wilson



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Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches
— Washington Field Office

30 June 1981

TO: All MCC Congregations and Clergy

FROM: R. Adam DeBaugh, Director, UFMCC Washington Field Office

RE: Closing the Washington Field Office

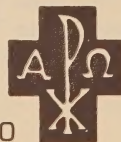
Dear friends:

As you know, the Board of Elders has decided to close the Washington Field Office on July 1, 1981. This decision was a difficult one to make, but it was necessitated by financial pressures on the Fellowship and the need to consolidate our operations in order to save on overhead.

It is with mixed feelings that I close this office today, as you can well imagine. For the past six years this office has been my life. But I believe that the Lord is calling me to this change in order to enhance my ministry with this Fellowship. Though I will no longer be "Director of the UFMCC Washington Field Office," the Elders have confirmed me as Director of the Department of Christian Social Action (a position I have held for almost five years) and as Co-Director (with the Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson) of the Department of Ecumenical Relations.

I will be salaried until September 1, 1981, and will be working out of my home in Silver Spring, Maryland, for the Fellowship in my Christian Social Action and Ecumenical Relations capacities. After September 1, though not salaried by the UFMCC, I hope to be able to continue working with the Fellowship in these capacities, doing writing, public speaking, political consulting and organizational development work to provide income for me. This style of work will also enable me to travel for the Fellowship and spend large blocks of time on Christian Social Action and Ecumenical Relations.

I have decided to do this because I am deeply committed to the Universal Fellowship and its ministry of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Christian Social Action has always been important to me and to our Fellowship and I hope to resume publishing a monthly DCSA newsletter (with the help of the Los Angeles Fellowship offices) and to develop a series of "how to do it" books for Christian Social Action and related ministries called the "Let's Do the Gospel Series." I will write more about that later in the year. In addition, I hope to be in closer touch with local CSA groups in our congregations, spreading the word about what you are doing and assisting you in what ever way I can, like providing resources, information, encouragement, and



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other material assistance. Christian Social Action is central to our life as Christians as we witness the Lordship of Jesus Christ in our lives by "meeting human needs."

With the office closed, I will be able to travel more than in the past, concentrating on Christian Social Action workshops, "how to do it" sessions on various ministries the Church is involved in, church building exercises, local congregational development, Bible study, retreats, and preaching. Feel free to contact me if there is any way I can be of assistance to your congregations.

The important thing is that though we are closing the Washington Field Office, the vital ministries of this Fellowship are continuing! We can set about the work of providing real resources, real help, and substantial materials to our people who want to minister to God's people. I am excited about the prospects for us and I hope you will share my excitement.

The Board of Elders has authorized me to keep our Washington bank account open and to continue to have our educational materials available for sale. The Department of Christian Social Action will, as a result, be accepting contributions for our continuing work and will be selling materials as in the past.

My home address, and the new address for the UFMCC Department of Christian Social Action and the Department of Ecumenical Relations, is:

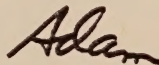
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Lastly, I want to thank you all for your support over the past six years I have worked for the Fellowship. I hope we have your support for the next period of years as well. I hope you feel free to write or call me at my home/office and let me know what your congregation is doing to "meet human needs" and that you will also feel free to write or call me for any help I might be able to provide you.

Thank you, and may God continue to bless you.

Shalom,



R. Adam DeBaugh

PS: Enclosed is a flyer from our friends at Dignity about some valuable materials they have available, an excellent new book and some superb cassette tapes. I recommend them highly! Also, orders on this order form will result in 10% of the order coming back to the UFMCC for Christian Social Action work.

11. What priorities would you set for the International Fellowship Offices in Los Angeles, Washington and London? (Prioritize)

Communication

Coordination of Programs (Prison Ministry, Education, Etc.)

Church Services

Administration

Leadership

Financial (stewardship) Education

Other:

12. Finally, please make any additional comments which might benefit future Fellowship direction.

SALT OF THE EARTH RESOURCES



"You are the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13).

You are the ones who can flavor the world
with something different than it now knows.

Resources for the ministries of laity and clergy in the UFMCC and other churches.

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SELF-ESTEEM

SALT OF THE EARTH RESOURCES (SOTER) is a monthly informational sheet published by Samaritan Extended Studies. SOTER presents resources for Christian ministry. A different area of ministry is covered each month. Contributions of both written and financial nature are encouraged. SOTER (sō-tār) is Greek for "Savior." To continue the ministry of our Savior, we must share with each other our resources.

There is a crying need in the world today - the need for self-esteem, self-worth, human dignity. God so loved the world that God came to us in Christ Jesus to save the world. It is God's love for us that makes us worthwhile and valuable. Few people live as if they believed this. This issue of SOTER focuses on self-esteem - the need to be whole, healthy, happy people. If you the reader are aware of other valuable resources in this area, please share them with SOTER and your UFMCC colleagues.

"LOVING YOURSELF, LOVING OTHERS" - NEW CORRESPONDENCE COURSE/GROUP STUDY

Samaritan Extended Studies is offering a new correspondence course - "Loving Yourself, Loving Others". This introductory-level course is based upon the book, The Secret of Staying In Love by John Powell. Powell is a Jesuit teacher, author, lecturer, counselor, and retreat leader. The aim of this course is to assist the student in exploring self-esteem, how we act out lack of self-esteem, how we try to escape from reality and pain, what love is, the counterfeits of love, how love works, the importance of dialogue, and the importance of expressing emotions. Throughout the course, the student will be asked to apply Powell's ideas to their own life experience.

This half-credit course is available for \$35, which includes textbook, study guide and test for each of the six lessons, grading of tests, and awarding of credit upon successful completion of the course. For more information and enrollment form, write Samaritan Extended Studies at the above address.

This kind of self-reflection course would of course be most beneficial in a group setting. A congregation or group of friends may wish to take this course together and meet regularly for discussion and sharing.

NEW SCHULLER BOOK: SELF-ESTEEM: THE NEW REFORMATION

Robert Schuller's new book is a challenge to the UFMCC and other Christian churches to take human dignity much more seriously. He calls for a new Reformation that would restructure churches and their theology to affirm the worth of persons. Schuller presents the Lord's Prayer as a Biblical basis for this new Reformation, and he offers each line of the prayer as a powerful corrective to the negative emotions and self-image from which so many suffer today. Schuller writes: "Self-esteem . . . is the single greatest need facing the human race today."

Schuller is the founder and senior minister of the Crystal Cathedral, Garden Grove, California. His book Self-Esteem is published by Word Books, 1982. Cost: \$8.95.

"ENTERING THE NEW YEAR AFRESH"

The following are suggestions for informal worship, sharing session, or workshop on New Year's Eve or during that week.

1) Recognizing Growth, Continuing to Grow

What has been an area of spiritual and emotional growth for you this past year? Let the Holy Spirit within you show you the most important area of growth for you. After you have pondered this for a while, would you please share it with the rest of us? (GENERAL SHARING.) What can you do to keep this growth this next year and not backslide?

Let's listen to these words of Paul in Scripture: "Yet, my friends, I do not consider myself to have arrived spiritually, nor do I consider myself already perfect. But I keep going on, grasping ever more firmly that purpose for which Christ grasped me. My brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself to have fully grasped it even now. But I do concentrate on this: I leave the past behind and with hands outstretched to whatever lies ahead I go straight for the goal - my reward the honor of being called by God in Christ. All of us who are spiritually adult should set ourselves this sort of ambition, and if at present you cannot see this, yet you will find that this is the attitude which God is leading you to adopt. It is important that we go forward in the light of such truth as we have ourselves attained to." (Philippians 3:12-16, J. B. Phillips translation.)

What does this Scripture passage mean to you? (GENERAL SHARING.)

What area of spiritual and emotional growth do you want to focus on in 1983? Let the Holy Spirit guide you. (GENERAL SHARING AFTER TIME OF REFLECTION.)

2) Releasing Grudges, Moving Ahead With Forgiveness

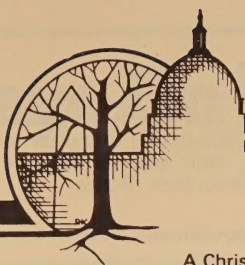
One of the biggest things that holds us back is grudges - our refusing to forgive people for the "dirt" they did us. Holding a grudge against someone does much more damage to us than it does to the person that we cannot forgive. Part of our heart is blocked up when we refuse to forgive. We let past hurts control us and dictate our feelings. Forgiveness is vital for the spiritual and emotional well-being of all involved.

Go over in your mind all the people that you hold grudges against with whom you are in fairly regular contact: people at home, at work, at church, in your circle of friends. Who do you have a hard time dealing with and forgiving because of something they did to you? (SILENT REFLECTION.) Let the Holy Spirit guide you to the one person that you most need to forgive. (SILENT REFLECTION.) What did this person do to hurt you? (SILENT REFLECTION.) Imagine now that you are sitting with Christ. Tell Christ how you feel about this person. Be honest with your feelings. Expose all. (SILENT REFLECTION.) Talk with Christ about why this person may have hurt you. What factors may have pressured this person to treat you like they did? (SILENT REFLECTION.) Imagine that this other person is now sitting with you and Christ. What would Christ lovingly say to this person? (SILENT REFLECTION.) What do you say to this person? (SILENT REFLECTION.) How were you part of the problem? (SILENT REFLECTION.) Forgive yourself as Christ has. (SILENT REFLECTION.) What good came out of the hurt? How did you grow as a result? (SILENT REFLECTION.) Think of some way to build a bridge to this person. (SILENT REFLECTION.) You have begun to forgive this person and yourself. You have begun to allow God to heal the situation. Thank Christ for the growth and for beginning the healing. (SILENT REFLECTION.) Who would like to share the value of this experience for them? (GENERAL DISCUSSION AND SHARING.)

INNER HEALING WORKSHOP OFFERED

One of the Samaritan Seminars that Dr. Jeffrey Pulling leads is on inner healing. It is entitled "Burying the Ghosts of Seasons Past: Inner Healing of Painful Memories." This seminar is designed as a pre-Christmas workshop but can easily be adapted for other times of the year. Pulling draws heavily on Dennis and Matthew Linn, authors of Healing Memories (Paulist Press) and Healing Life's Hurts (Paulist Press, 1978).

This Samaritan seminar is offered "live" and is not available in written outline form.



A New Day

A Christian Voice from the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches on the Hill

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1980 U.S. Elections Show Conservative Trend Growing

by R. Adam DeBaugh

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For thy sake we are killed, we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.' Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through God who loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor thing to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8: 35-39, King James Version.

If there was ever a time when we fear the "powers and principalities" of the government of the United States, many believe it is now. The 1980 election left a nation stunned by the breadth of the repudiation of Jimmy Carter's Presidency and of 25 years of Democratic rule in the U.S. Congress. The old Roosevelt majority seems to have crumbled under the combined weight of the awful economic situation Americans find themselves in and the onslaught of a well-financed and well-organized New Right.

Good-bye Dogpatch, Hello Hollywood!

It will be very old news indeed by the time you read this, but in case anyone missed it, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the Republican former Governor of California, was elected President of the United States. Reagan defeated incumbent Democratic President James Earl Carter with a slight majority of the popular vote and a landslide in the Electoral College vote. Reagan won all but a handful of states in all parts of the country.

It was all over so fast that Carter conceded defeat before the polls were closed in the western part of the country (which is three hours behind the East coast), leaving himself open to charges that he helped defeat many Democratic candidates because late voters just didn't bother to go to the polls after being told by the President that the election was over before they even voted.

Reagan's candidacy was helped by a wide coalition of New Right organizations, especially those in the newly-powerful Christian Right. The Rev. Jerry Falwell, founder of the Moral Majority, one of the most virulent of the New Christian Right political organizations, seemed to take credit for Carter's defeat. "It was my best moment when Carter conceded," Falwell told the Associated Press. He continued, "I think that Moral Majority and many other similar conservative religious groups in America have

successfully brought millions of church people out of the pews and to the polls . . . I think the major factor in the unexpected avalanche has been the infusion of what the press calls the Christian right."

It certainly was the conservatives' year as liberal candidates went down to defeat all over the country. The United States seems to have moved dramatically to the right. In Miami, Florida, where tensions have been rising as a result of the influx of Cuban refugees, voters passed a referendum preventing Spanish language usage in public signs, emergency 911 police calls, hurricane warnings, and other public statements. The referendum forbids Dade County expenditures for any language other than English and "any culture other than that of the U S"

A Republican Senate

For the first time in 25 years the Republican Party has taken control of the United States Senate. The Senate in the 96th Congress (1979 and 1980) had 58 Democrats, 41 Republicans, and one Independent Democrat (Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr., of Virginia). The new 97th Congress (1981 and 1982) will have a Senate with 53 Republicans, 46 Democrats, and one Independent Democrat (still Senator Byrd).

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Washington Office Needs Contributions

In this season of remembrance and giving thanks the UFMCC Washington Office would like to thank all of our friends who have so generously contributed to our work over the past year. By subscribing to *A New Day*, purchasing resource materials, attending benefits, or sending a little something from time to time you have kept our office going. For this we extend our most sincere appreciation.

Once again we need to ask our friends for help. We have just been notified of a 30% rent increase for our office in the United Methodist Building. In addition we will need \$500 just to renew the service contracts on our office equipment. These costs come in addition to the annual costs of keeping the Washington Office going.

Won't you please help by sending a contribution? Anything you can give will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

The 1980 Elections *Continued from page 1*

Since the Republicans have taken over as the majority party in the Senate, all leadership positions will change, with Republicans chairing all committees and subcommittees. As a result Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-SC) will chair the prestigious Judiciary Committee instead of Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA). All immigration bills, including the one eliminating the prohibition on Gay women and men entering the U.S., are referred to this committee. The Lesbian and Gay Fair Employment Bill introduced by Massachusetts' other Democratic Senator, Paul S. Tsongas, has been referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Services. In the next Congress that committee will be chaired by Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT), an out-spoken opponent of Gay rights.

The Republicans needed to make up a net gain of nine seats in order to take over the Senate. They won 11. There were 34 seats up for re-election this year (every two years, a third of the Senate is re-elected), 24 of them held by Democrats and 10 of them by Republicans. Republicans won 22 of the races, including 12 now held by Democrats. Democrats held on to 12 seats they had occupied in this Congress. Nine Democratic incumbent Senators were defeated.

Races where Republicans won previously Democratic Senate seats included, Alabama, where Jeremiah Denton defeated the man who beat Sen. Donald Stewart in the primary; Alaska, where Frank H. Murkowski also defeated the man who defeated Sen. Mike Gravel in the primary; Florida, where Paula Hawkins was the third Republican to defeat a Democrat who had turned out an incumbent Democratic Senator in a primary, in this case, Sen. Dick Stone; Georgia, where Mack Mattingly defeated long-term Senator Herman Talmadge in an upset victory; Idaho, where Steven Symms defeated Sen. Frank Church; Indiana, where Dan Quayle defeated Sen. Birch Bayh; Iowa, where Charles Grassley defeated Sen. John C. Culver; New Hampshire, where Warren Rudman defeated Sen. John A. Durkin; North Carolina, where John P. East defeated Sen. Robert Morgan; South Dakota, where James Abdnor defeated Sen. George McGovern; Washington, where Slade Gorton defeated Sen. Warren Magnuson; and Wisconsin, where Robert W. Kasten defeated Sen. Gaylord Nelson.

Right Wing political groups had targetted a number of Senators for defeat because of their liberal voting records. The most widely known target list was that of the National Conservative Political Action Committee (NCPAC), which had targetted six Senators for defeat. Of the six, four were defeated, Church, McGovern, Culver and Bayh, and Sen. Alan Cranston of California and Sen. Tom Eagleton of Missouri were re-elected. NCPAC had spent over \$1 million on its Senate targets.

In other races of interest, long-time New York liberal Republican Senator Jacob Javits was defeated by Republican Alfonse M. D'Amato. D'Amato had defeated Javits in the primary, but Javits remained on the New York State ballot on the Liberal Party line and split the vote with Democratic candidate Elizabeth Holtzman, permitting D'Amato's victory. Sen. Barry Goldwater, Republican Presidential candidate in 1964 and the "voice of conservatism" in the Senate for many years, narrowly won re-election to his seat from Arizona.

The re-election of Sen. Cranston, who introduced the bill to amend the immigration law to permit homosexuals to enter the U.S., and Republican Senator Bob Packwood of Oregon, a co-sponsor of S. 2081, Sen. Tsongas' Lesbian and Gay Fair Employment bill, was good news for the Gay community. Moderate Senators Gary Hart (D-CO), Daniel Inouye (D-HI), Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. (R-MD), and

Patrick Leahy (D-VT) were all re-elected, and Christopher J. Dodd, moderate Connecticut Congressman was elected Senator from Connecticut, defeating super-conservative James Buckley, while Alan J. Dixon, a Democrat, was elected to the Senate from Illinois.

Republican Gains in House

The Democrats managed to hold on to a reduced majority in the House of Representatives and the news wasn't all bad for liberals in the House in 1980. The 96th Congress (1979 and 1980) had 273 Democrats, 156 Republicans and 3 vacancies at the time of the election (all members of the House of Representatives are up for re-election every two years). The 97th Congress (1981 and 1982) will have 243 Democrats and 192 Republicans. A number of House leaders were defeated, notably Majority Whip John Brademas (D-IN) and Ways and Means Committee chair Al Ullman (D-OR).

There was good news for Lesbians and Gay men, however. Of the 51 co-sponsors of the Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights bill seeking re-election, only two were defeated. Gay rights issues were not raised in the defeats of Rep. Bob Carr (D-MI) or James Corman (D-CA). Where Gay rights was a factor in elections, our House supporters were re-elected, as in the key campaign of Rep. James Weaver (D-OR) of Eugene, Oregon.

While we lost some friends in the House, there have been some significant gains, as in the election of former Massachusetts State Senator Barney Frank to the seat being vacated by retiring Rep. Robert Drinan. Frank was a long-time supporter of Gay and Lesbian rights in the Massachusetts legislature and can be counted on to co-sponsor the civil rights bill in the House next year.

Abscam victims fared poorly, with the voters turning out indicted Representatives Ozzie Myers (D-PA), Frank Thompson (D-NJ), John Murphy (D-NY) and John Jenrette (D-Sc), though Raymond Lederer (D-PA) was re-elected despite his Abscam-related indictment.

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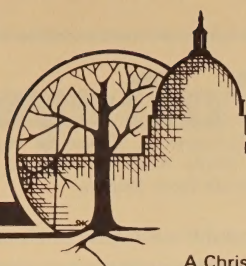
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If there was ever a time when we fear the "powers and principalities" of the government of the United States, many believe it is now. The 1980 election left a nation stunned by the breadth of the repudiation of Jimmy Carter's Presidency and of 25 years of Democratic rule in the U.S. Congress. The old Roosevelt majority seems to have crumbled under the combined weight of the awful economic situation Americans find themselves in and the onslaught of a well-financed and well-organized New Right.

Good-bye Dogpatch, Hello Hollywood!

It will be very old news indeed by the time you read this, but in case anyone missed it, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the Republican former Governor of California, was elected President of the United States. Reagan defeated incumbent Democratic President James Earl Carter with a slight majority of the popular vote and a landslide in the Electoral College vote. Reagan won all but a handful of states in all parts of the country.

It was all over so fast that Carter conceded defeat before the polls were closed in the western part of the country (which is three hours behind the East coast), leaving himself open to charges that he helped defeat many Democratic candidates because late voters just didn't bother to go to the polls after being told by the President that the election was over before they even voted.

Reagan's candidacy was helped by a wide coalition of New Right organizations, especially those in the newly-powerful Christian Right. The Rev. Jerry Falwell, founder of the Moral Majority, one of the most virulent of the New Christian Right political organizations, seemed to take credit for Carter's defeat. "It was my best moment when Carter conceded," Falwell told the Associated Press. He continued, "I think that Moral Majority and many other similar conservative religious groups in America have

successfully brought millions of church people out of the pews and to the polls . . . I think the major factor in the unexpected avalanche has been the infusion of what the press calls the Christian right."

It certainly was the conservatives' year as liberal candidates went down to defeat all over the country. The United States seems to have moved dramatically to the right. In Miami, Florida, where tensions have been rising as a result of the influx of Cuban refugees, voters passed a referendum preventing Spanish language usage in public signs, emergency 911 police calls, hurricane warnings, and other public statements. The referendum forbids Dade County expenditures for any language other than English and "any culture other than that of the U.S."

A Republican Senate

For the first time in 25 years the Republican Party has taken control of the United States Senate. The Senate in the 96th Congress (1979 and 1980) had 58 Democrats, 41 Republicans, and one Independent Democrat (Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr., of Virginia). The new 97th Congress (1981 and 1982) will have a Senate with 53 Republicans, 46 Democrats, and one Independent Democrat (still Senator Byrd).

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Washington Office Needs Contributions

In this season of remembrance and giving thanks the UFMCC Washington Office would like to thank all of our friends who have so generously contributed to our work over the past year. By subscribing to *A New Day*, purchasing resource materials, attending benefits, or sending a little something from time to time you have kept our office going. For this we extend our most sincere appreciation.

Once again we need to ask our friends for help. We have just been notified of a 30% rent increase for our office in the United Methodist Building. In addition we will need \$500 just to renew the service contracts on our office equipment. These costs come in addition to the annual costs of keeping the Washington Office going.

Won't you please help by sending a contribution? Anything you can give will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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Since the Republicans have taken over as the majority party in the Senate, all leadership positions will change, with Republicans chairing all committees and subcommittees. As a result Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-SC) will chair the prestigious Judiciary Committee instead of Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA). All immigration bills, including the one eliminating the prohibition on Gay women and men entering the U.S., are referred to this committee. The Lesbian and Gay Fair Employment Bill introduced by Massachusetts' other Democratic Senator, Paul S. Tsongas, has been referred to the Committee on Labor and Human Services. In the next Congress that committee will be chaired by Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-UT), an out-spoken opponent of Gay rights.

The Republicans needed to mark up a net gain of nine seats in order to take over the Senate. They won 11. There were 34 seats up for re-election this year (every two years, a third of the Senate is re-elected), 24 of them held by Democrats and 10 of them by Republicans. Republicans won 22 of the races, including 12 now held by Democrats. Democrats held on to 12 seats they had occupied in this Congress. Nine Democratic incumbent Senators were defeated.

Races where Republicans won previously Democratic Senate seats included, Alabama, where Jeremiah Denton defeated the man who beat Sen. Donald Stewart in the primary; Alaska, where Frank H. Murkowski also defeated the man who defeated Sen. Mike Gravel in the primary; Florida, where Paula Hawkins was the third Republican to defeat a Democrat who had turned out an incumbent Democratic Senator in a primary, in this case, Sen. Dick Stone; Georgia, where Mack Mattingly defeated long-term Senator Herman Talmadge in an upset victory; Idaho, where Steven Symms defeated Sen. Frank Church; Indiana, where Dan Quayle defeated Sen. Birch Bayh; Iowa, where Charles Grassley defeated Sen. John C. Culver; New Hampshire, where Warren Rudman defeated Sen. John A. Durkin; North Carolina, where John P. East defeated Sen. Robert Morgan; South Dakota, where James Abdnor defeated Sen. George McGovern; Washington, where Slade Gorton defeated Sen. Warren Magnuson; and Wisconsin, where Robert W. Kasten defeated Sen. Gaylord Nelson.

Right Wing political groups had targetted a number of Senators for defeat because of their liberal voting records. The most widely known target list was that of the National Conservative Political Action Committee (NCPAC), which had targetted six Senators for defeat. Of the six, four were defeated, Church, McGovern, Culver and Bayh, and Sen. Alan Cranston of California and Sen. Tom Eagleton of Missouri were re-elected. NCPAC had spent over \$1 million on its Senate targets.

In other races of interest, long-time New York liberal Republican Senator Jacob Javits was defeated by Republican Alfonse M. D'Amato. D'Amato had defeated Javits in the primary, but Javits remained on the New York State ballot on the Liberal Party line and split the vote with Democratic candidate Elizabeth Holtzman, permitting D'Amato's victory. Sen. Barry Goldwater, Republican Presidential candidate in 1964 and the "voice of conservatism" in the Senate for many years, narrowly won re-election to his seat from Arizona.

The re-election of Sen. Cranston, who introduced the bill to amend the immigration law to permit homosexuals to enter the U.S., and Republican Senator Bob Packwood of Oregon, a co-sponsor of S. 2081, Sen. Tsongas' Lesbian and Gay Fair Employment bill, was good news for the Gay community. Moderate Senators Gary Hart (D-CO), Daniel Inouye (D-HI), Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. (R-MD), and

Patrick Leahy (D-VT) were all re-elected, and Christopher J. Dodd, moderate Connecticut Congressman was elected Senator from Connecticut, defeating super-conservative James Buckley, while Alan J. Dixon, a Democrat, was elected to the Senate from Illinois.

Republican Gains in House

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CALIFORNIA

New Covenant MCC

2314 Edna Drive, Santa Ana, CA 92706
(714) 750-0272

Interim Pastor: Rev. Gary Lewis

Meets at: 1120 West Santa Ana Street, Anaheim;
9:00 AM Sundays

Mission

MCC Bakersfield

P.O. Box 10102, Bakersfield, CA 93309
(805) 397-5264

Worship Coordinator: Rev. Bonnie Daniel

Meets at: 4304 South Real Road; 7:30 PM Sundays

Study Group

De Colores MCC

7116 Alabama, Canoga Park, CA 91303
(213) 704-0524

Worship Coordinator: Rev. Jean Hart

Meets at: Same; 7:00 PM Sundays

Study Group

MCC Diablo Valley

P.O. Box 280, Concord, CA 94522
(415) 827-2960

Worship Coordinator: Rev. Bob Cunningham

Meets at: 1924 Trinity Avenue, Walnut Creek
5:30 PM Sundays

Study Group

MCC Humboldt

P.O. Box 1303, Eureka, CA 95501
(415) 648-6006, 776-7261

Worship Coordinator: Michael Monk

Meets at: Equinox School, 470 Union Street, Arcata, CA;
9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, & 7:00 PM Sundays

Study Group

MCC of the San Gabriel Valley

P.O. Box 4489, El Monte, CA 91734
(213) 968-4345

Worship Coordinator: Rev. Virgil Hendershot

Meets at: 13040 Valley Boulevard, Bassett, CA;
6:30 PM Sundays

Study Group

MCC of the Redwoods

2398 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Fairfax, CA
(415) 459-5533 94930

Worship Coordinator: Rev. James Sandmire

Meets at: Same;

Study Group

* MCC Fresno

P.O. Box 12203, Fresno, CA 93776
(209) 441-0105

Worship Coordinator: Rev. David Gillentine

Meets at: 4144 North Millbrook; 7:00 PM Sundays

Study Group

- * MCC Long Beach Chartered
 785 Junipero Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90804 (3-12-72)
 (213) 434-1944
 Pastor: Rev. Dusty Pruitt, Rev. Lynn Guerra
 Minister(s) on Staff: Rev. Louis Loynes
 Meets at: Same; 11:00 AM & 7:30 PM Sundays
- * MCC Los Angeles Chartered
 1050 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90015 (10-6-68)
 (213) 748-0121
 Pastor: Rev. Elder Jeri Ann Harvey
 Minister(s) on Staff: Rev. George Covington, Rev. Willie
 Smith, Rev. Paul Van Hecke
 Meets at: Same; 10:45 AM & 7:30 PM Sundays
- * MCC of the Monterey Peninsula Study Group
 451 Dela Vina #406, Monterey, CA 93940
 (408) 375-0448
 Co-Worship Coordinators: Rev. Stan Harris,
 Rev. David Kromer
 Meets at: Seaside Community Center, Seaside, CA;
 6:15 PM Sundays
- MCC in the Valley Chartered
 5730 Cahuenga Boulevard, North Hollywood, CA (3-25-73)
 (213) 762-1133 91601
 Pastor: Rev. Randall L. Cypherd
 Meets at: Same; 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Sundays
- MCC East Bay Chartered
 4986 Fairfax Avenue, Oakland, CA 94601 (6-6-71)
 (415) 533-4848
 Pastor: Rev. Jeff Pulling
 Meets at: Same; 6:00 PM Sundays
- MCC Oceanside Mission
 P.O. Box 118, Oceanside, CA 92054
 (714) 439-4615
 Worship Coordinator: Gordon Fisher
 Minister(s) on Staff: Rev. Howard Williams
 Meets at: 301 1/2 Mission; 11:00 AM Sundays
- MCC of the Desert Mission
 P.O. Box 920, Cathedral City, CA 92234
 (714) 329-1181
 Interim Pastor: Rev. Deborah Gendron
 Meets at: 37-111 Date Palm Drive
 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM Sundays (summer)
 11:00 AM Sundays (winter)

Chaparral
(2-12-51)

Wetland Survey
1850 Lumbermen Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90804
(512) 432-2242
Director: Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. Lynn Curtis
Assistant: Mr. Smith, Mrs. Linda Jones
Hours: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM weekdays

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Christ Chapel MCC

720 North Spurgeon #2, Santa Ana, CA 92701
(714) 835-0722

Pastor: Rev. Rodger Harrison

Meets at: Same; 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM Sundays

Chartered
(4-10-71)

MCC Santa Barbara

P.O. Box 2256, Santa Barbara, CA 93120
(805) 966-6770

Interim Pastor: Rev. Roger Webb

Meets at: 230 Lighthouse Road; 7:30 PM Sundays

Chartered
(1-5-81)

* MCC Beach Cities

P.O. Box 24591, Los Angeles, CA 90024
(213) 450-6670, 970-1326

Pastor: Rev. John Barbone

Minister(s) on Staff: Rev. Sylvia Pennington,
Rev. Ann Montague

Meets at: 1260 18th Street, Santa Monica; 6:30 PM Sundays

Chartered
(2-25-73)

MCC of the Everlasting Light

637 East Main Street, Stockton, CA 95202
(209) 943-5277

Interim Pastor: Rev. Virgil Scott

Meets at: Same; 11:00 AM & 11:30 PM Sundays

Mission

* MCC Ventura

P.O. Box A-O, Ventura, CA 93002
(805) 985-2594

Interim Pastor: Rev. Marge Ragona

Meets at: 4949 Foothill Road; 6:30 PM Sundays

Mission

All Saints MCC

7985 Santa Monica Boulevard #109-190
West Hollywood, CA 90046; (213) 650-6806

Interim Pastor: Rev. Peter J. Riley

Meets at: 1067 Fairfax Avenue #214
11:00 AM & 7:30 PM Sundays

Mission

COLORADO

* MCC Boulder

1520 Euclid Avenue, Boulder, CO 80302
(303) 443-3680

Worship Coordinator: Tim Peterson

Meets at: Same; 5:00 PM Sundays

Mission

Pikes Peak MCC

730 North Tejon, Suite #4, Colorado Springs, CO
(303) 634-6168, 634-6119 80903

Worship Coordinator: Joyce E. Setala

Meets at: 730 North Tejon; 5:00 PM Sundays

Mission

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18-10-71

1710 North Hollywood Blvd. Santa Ana, CA 92701
1710 1710-0110
Tolson: Mr. Rogers Harrison
Morse: Mr. Tamm: 11:00 AM & 1:30 PM Sundays

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17-2-81

1710 North Hollywood Blvd. Santa Barbara, CA 93110
1710 1710-0110
Tolson: Mr. Rogers Harrison
Morse: Mr. Tamm: 11:00 AM & 1:30 PM Sundays

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1710 North Hollywood Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90016
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1710 1710-0110
Tolson: Mr. Rogers Harrison
Morse: Mr. Tamm: 11:00 AM & 1:30 PM Sundays

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1710 North Hollywood Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90016
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Tolson: Mr. Rogers Harrison
Morse: Mr. Tamm: 11:00 AM & 1:30 PM Sundays

MCC of the Palms

Mission

P.O. Box 2107, Ft. Myers, FL 33902
(813) 995-7062

Interim Pastor: Rev. Thomas Bigelow

Meets at: 2066 West First Street; 11:30 AM Sundays

MCC Jacksonville

Chartered

301 Druid Street, Jacksonville, FL 32205
(904) 384-6004

(4-15-74)

Pastor: Rev. Dennis Chappell

Minister(s) on Staff: Rev. David Carden

Meets at: Same; 7:30 PM Sundays

Keys to the Kingdom MCC

Study Group

P.O. Box 4325, Key West, FL 33040
(305) 294-3926

Offices at: 526 Simonton Street

Worship Coordinator: Rev. Bob Copestake

Meets at: 319 Duval Street; 11:00 Sundays

Christ MCC

Chartered

P.O. Box 370963, Miami, FL 33137
(305) 573-4156

(10-1-70)

Pastor: Rev. Arthur Green

Minister(s) on Staff: Rev. Jose Cruz

Offices and meets at: Corner 23rd Street & N.E. Second
Court; 7:00 PM Sundays

Emmaus MCC

Study Group

401 Washington Avenue, Miami Beach, FL 33139
(305) 672-9207

Worship Coordinator: Rev. Bob Angell

Meets at: Same; 4:00 PM Sundays

MCC Orlando

Study Group

P.O. Box 3004, Orlando, FL 32802
(305) 423-1587

Worship Coordinator: Rev. Arthur Fleschner

Meets at: (call for details)

MCC Pensacola

Mission

P.O. Box 8087, Pensacola, FL 32505
(904) 456-8164

Offices at: 6901B Esther Street

Worship Coordinator: Barbara I. Toller

Meets at: 904 East Scott Street; 7:00 PM Sundays

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King of Peace MCC

Mission

5613 56th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL 33709
(813) 546-5342

Interim Co-Pastors: Rev. Susan Kliebenstein,

Rev. Norma (Rickie) Richards

Meets at: Same; 7:30 PM Sundays

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* MCC Sarasota
 3080 North Washington Boulevard #18,
 (813) 366-5838 Sarasota, FL 33580
 Interim Pastor: Rev. Norma (Rickie) Richards
 Meets at: Same; 7:30 PM Sundays

Mission

MCC Tallahassee
 1237 North Adams Street, Tallahassee, FL 32303
 (904) 222-2582
 Worship Coordinator: Rev. Joseph Gilbert
 Meets at: Same; 11:00 AM Sundays

Study Group

MCC Tampa
 2904 Concordia Avenue, Tampa, FL 33609
 (813) 839-5939
 Pastor: Rev. Marilyn Marr
 Meets at: Same; 11:00 AM & 7:30 PM Sundays

Chartered
 (8-6-71)

GEORGIA

MCC Atlanta
 P.O. Box 8356, Atlanta, GA 30306
 (404) 872-2246
 Pastor: Rev. Elder John Hose
 Meets at: 800 North Highland Avenue NE
 2:00 and 7:00 PM Sundays

Chartered
 (4-16-72)

HAWAII

MCC Hawaii
 1100 Alakea, Room 407, Honolulu, HI 96813
 (808) 537-9478
 Pastor: Rev. Denis Moore
 Meets at: 2500 Pali Highway; 7:30 PM Sundays

Chartered
 (5-30-71)

IDAHO

* MCC at Boise
 P.O. Box 6667, Boise, ID 83707
 (208) 342-6764
 Interim Pastor: Rev. Beau McDaniels
 Minister(s) on Staff: Rev. Claudia Vierra
 Meets at: 1510 North 21st Street; 7:00 PM Sundays

Mission

ILLINOIS

Good Shepherd Parish MCC
 615 West Wellington Avenue, Chicago, IL 60657
 (312) 472-8708
 Pastor: Rev. F. Jay Deacon
 Meets at: Same; 7:00 PM Sundays

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Holy Covenant MCC

P.O. Box A3134, Chicago, IL 60690
(312) 352-4365

Worship Coordinator: Grant Ford

Meets at: 11 West Maple, Hinsdale; 7:00 PM Sundays

Mission

MCC Illiano

802 1/2 Maine Street, Quincy, IL 62301

(217) 224-2800

Pastor: Rev. Reid L. Christensen

Meets at: Same; 7:30 PM Sundays

Chartered

(4-15-80)

IOWA

MCC Quad Cities

P.O. Box 4095, Davenport, IA 52808

(217) 224-2800, (319) 322-5055

Worship Coordinator: Rev. Reid L. Christensen

Meets at: 1618 West Third; 12:00 Noon Sundays

Study Group

Holy Spirit MCC

P.O. Box 3083, Des Moines, IA 50316

(515) 280-6544

Worship Coordinator: Y. R. "Bud" Dunshee

Meets at: Bell & Casady; 7:00 PM Sundays

Chartered

(10-19-75)

The Church of New Hope MCC

P.O. Box 34, Waterloo, IA 50704

(319) 234-1981

Worship Coordinator: Rev. Robert Galloway

Meets at: 1346 Airline Highway; 7:00 PM Sundays

Study Group

Sioux Lands MCC

105 North 38th Street, Omaha, NE 68131

Worship Coordinator: Mike Corey

Meets at: 3290 North Martha, Lot #961, Sioux City, IA;
2:00 PM Sundays

Study Group

KANSAS

* Family of Peace MCC

P.O. Box 4025, Overland, KS 66204

(913) 764-7845

Worship Coordinator: Jeff Padgett

Meets at: 7725 West 87th Street; 8:00 PM Sundays

Study Group

MCC Wichita

P.O. Box 2639, Wichita, KS 67201

(316) 267-1852

Pastor: Rev. Robert Twar

Meets at: 907 South St. Francis; 11:45 AM Sundays

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KENTUCKY

MCC Louisville

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P.O. Box 8071, Louisville, KY 40208

(502) 636-1690

Interim Co-Pastors: Rev. Anne Keast & Rev. Sandra Taylor

Offices: 226 East Ormsby

Meets at: Fourth & York Streets; 7:00 PM Sundays

LOUISIANA

MCC New Orleans

Chartered

P.O. Box 51384, New Orleans, LA 70151

(3-30-75)

(504) 945-5476

Pastor: Rev. Jerry Motto

Meets at: 1800 Jefferson; 1:45 & 7:30 PM Sundays

MARYLAND

MCC Baltimore

Chartered

P.O. Box 1145, Baltimore, MD 21203

(5-11-75)

(301) 366-1415

Pastor: Rev. Ron Pannell

Minister(s) on Staff: Rev. Delores Berry

Meets at: 2233 St. Paul Street; 3:30 & 6:45 PM Sundays

MASSACHUSETTS

MCC Boston

Chartered

131 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02114

(2-4-72)

(617) 523-7664

Worship Coordinator: Tom Plew

Meets at: Same; 7:00 PM Sundays

* MCC Worcester

Mission

2 Wellington Street, Worcester, MA 01610

(617) 753-8360

Co-Worship Coordinators: Ken Barr, Carlton Cornish

Meets at: Same; 7:00 PM Sundays

MICHIGAN

MCC Detroit

Chartered

45 East Adams, Detroit, MI 48226

(8-20-72)

(313) 963-1568

Pastor: Rev. Brenda J. Cisneros-Hunt

Meets at: 23 East Adams Street; 6:45 PM Sundays

Mission

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P.O. Box 1101, Ft. Worth, TX 76101
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* Four Corners MCC
 2806 Princeton, Farmington, NM 87401
 (505)
 Worship Coordinator: Gene Dudgeon
 Meets at: Same; 2:00 PM Sundays

Study Group

NEW YORK

Good News MCC
 P.O. Box 1807, Albany, NY 12201
 (518) 465-1150
 Worship Coordinator: Belle Pellegrino
 Meets at: 332 Hudson; 7:30 PM Sundays

Study Group

Alpha & Omega MCC
 P.O. Box 2601, Brooklyn, NY 11201
 (212) 857-1263
 Worship Coordinator: Emmett Watkins
 Meets at: 4th and Pacific Avenues, New York, NY
 5:00 PM Sundays

Chartered
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MCC New York
 675 Hudson Street #3N, New York, NY 10014
 (212) 242-1212
 Pastor: Rev. Karen Ziegler
 Meets at: 201 West 13th Street; 7:00 PM Sundays

Chartered
 (4-23-72)

MCC Syracuse
 819 Madison Street, Syracuse, NY 13210
 (315) 478-5225
 Worship Coordinator: Mary Lib Whitney
 Meets at: Same; 7:00 PM Sundays

Study Group

NORTH CAROLINA

MCC Charlotte
 P.O. Box 32552, Charlotte, NC 28232
 (704)
 Worship Coordinator: Rev. Jamie McAlister
 Meets at: 1409 Riverside Drive;

Mission

MCC Fayetteville
 P.O. Box 53275, Fayetteville, NC 28305
 (919) 484-8233
 Worship Coordinator: Rev. June Norris
 Meets at: 219 Broadfoot Avenue; 7:00 PM Sundays

Study Group

St. John's MCC
 P.O. Box 5626, Raleigh, NC 27650
 (919) 787-1046
 Worship Coordinator: Rev. Willie J. White
 Meets at: Dixie Trail & Wade; 3:00 PM Sundays

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OHIO

* MCC Cincinnati Chartered
 65 East Hollister, Cincinnati, OH 45219 (3-8-74)
 (513) 241-8216
 Worship Coordinator:
 Meets at: Same; 7:00 PM Sundays

MCC Columbus Chartered
 P.O. Box 10009, Columbus, OH 43201 (4-13-80)
 (614) 262-1189
 Pastor: Rev. Rob Shivers
 Meets at: 66 East 15th Avenue; 2:00 PM Sundays

* MCC Dayton Study Group
 Mid City P.O. Box 872, Dayton, OH 45402
 (513) 274-4304
 Worship Coordinator: Gloria Root
 Meets at: 665 Salem Avenue;

OKLAHOMA

Christ the King MCC Chartered
 P.O. Box 26223, Oklahoma City, OK 73126 (6-11-72)
 (405) 234-1135
 Pastor: Rev. Donna Vinson
 Meets at: 3125 North Glasser; 11:00 AM & 7:30 PM Sundays

MCC Tulsa Chartered
 P.O. Box 4187, Tulsa, OK 74104 (6-16-76)
 (918) 838-1715
 Pastor: Rev. Alice Jones
 Meets at: 1623 North Maplewood; 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM Sundays

OREGON

MCC of the Willamette Valley Mission
 1236 Kincaid, Eugene, OR 97401
 (503) 485-3665
 Interim Pastor: Rev. David Pelletier
 Meets at: Same; 7:00 PM Sundays

* MCC Portland Chartered
 NE 24th & Broadway, Portland, OR 97232 (1-9-77)
 (503) 281-8868
 Interim Pastor: Rev. Claudia Vierra
 Meets at: Same; 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM Sundays

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MCC Salem

P.O. Box 972, Salem, OR 97308

(503) 371-6072

Worship Coordinator: Rev. Sherman W. Dearth

Meets at: 698 Oak Street, Pringle Hall; 1:30 PM Sundays

Study Group

PENNSYLVANIA

* MCC Philadelphia

P.O. Box 8174, Philadelphia, PA 19101

(215) 438-1872

Pastor: Rev. Frank Crouch

Minister(s) on Staff: Rev. Bruce Hughes

Meets at: 2125 Chestnut; 8:00 PM Sundays

Chartered
(7-30-72)MCC Pittsburgh

P.O. Box 81068, Pittsburgh, PA 15217

(412) 521-4560

Pastor: Rev. Joseph Houle

Meets at: 4401 Fifth Avenue; 7:30 PM Sundays

Chartered
(2-20-77)

RHODE ISLAND

* MCC Providence

P.O. Box 1462, Providence, RI 02901

(401) 272-9247

Pastor: Rev. George McDermott

Meets at: 134 Mathewson Street; 2:00 PM Sundays

Chartered
(10-21-78)

SOUTH CAROLINA

MCC Columbia

1730 Gist Street, Columbia, SC 29201

(803) 256-7315

Pastor:

Meets at: Same; 1:00 PM Sundays

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Study Group

"There are some things
you can understand in any language"



World Church Extension
Sunday February 14, 1982

Acceptance, empowerment, community - the liberating love of God in Jesus Christ is something that can be understood in any language! That's what Metropolitan Community Church is all about. The Universal Fellowship began reaching out to gay men and lesbians and all persons who had been alienated from that love and community.

World Church Extension in 1982 is on the threshold of an exciting future. Elder Jean White now works full time in our London Office - visiting Church Extension churches and new or potential extension areas, and is corresponding with hundreds of people the world over. Recently Rev. White reports new inquiries in Southeast Asia, Japan and Haiti.



Rev. Elder Jean White



Rev. Bjorn Marcussen

WESTERN EUROPE: Plans are now being made for an all-European MCC conference in 1982. Participating will be: our churches in the United Kingdom, the new groups in Edinburg and Copenhagen; and interested persons from Ireland, Sweden, Holland, Austria, Portugal, Germany, Belgium, France, Italy, Switzerland and perhaps Poland and Hungary. Many interested MCCers on the continent feel quite isolated, and this conference is an attempt to strengthen and encourage them. The Church Extension Committee in Europe meets regularly to oversee this development.

NIGERIA: Rev. Maduka reports recently that our churches in Imo State are still experiencing the benefits of Elders White and Arehart's visit to them in April 1981. The automobile we purchased has been a great help with the severe transportation problem. World Church Extension is working with Rev. Maduka to arrange for the training of a Nigerian MCC nurse or medical professional. An evangelistic team, with musicians, has begun to visit all seven of our churches. At present we send only \$150 per month for support for Rev. Maduka and our churches there.



Rev. Sylvanus Maduka



Rev. Jan Weymouth

SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC ISLANDS: This newly created extension area also includes our church in Auckland, New Zealand. Rev. Jan Weymouth, from Australia, is the Church Extension Coordinator. At present, this area receives no subsidy from the Fellowship, per se. The new Worship Coordinator of Auckland is Lee Neighbors. Our other contacts in Southeast Asia include several interested persons and church groups in Burma, Indonesia and Malaysia. We know this is going to be an area of great development in the future in MCC. Now is the time to reach out!

HISPANIC AMERICAS: The Hispanic Americas Extension Area is alive and growing. The big news in recent months has been the new group in Mexico City - They now have over 30 people regularly involved. MCC Hispana is doing outreach into New Jersey, where there is great interest. Rev. Jose Mojica is paid a part time salary to oversee this important work as Church Extension Coordinator. This extension area is difficult to oversee because of the necessity of translating all UFMCC materials into Spanish materials, and because the extension area covers the entire North and South Hemispheres of the Americas. Please pray for the Hispanic Americas!



Rev. Jose Mojica

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Church Extension work involves extensive travel, communication (by phone and mail); translation of materials; communication of the fundamentals of the gospel and the special ministry of UFMCC cross-culturally; and assistance in the work of organizing, P.R., and outreach through publications, media and personal sharing and caring. It is an enormous task - one of the most important in our Fellowship. We need you to help it happen.

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February 15, 1982

Dear Members and Friends of MCC Boston:

Each February, the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches asks us to support World Church Extension. Most of us, unless we're really into MCC have absolutely no idea of what this branch of the Fellowship does. The enclosed brochure will help you understand better what is going on in our outreach to people outside continental United States.

We have been part of World Church Extension, although we don't necessarily label it as such. Recently, for example, we raised \$150 to help Rev. Jose Mojica attend a course he badly needed in order to do his job as Director of Hispanic Americas outreach. Some of us have helped MCC Harlem in its beginning outreach to that community. We have heard of an underground MCC which existed as an integrated church in South Africa, and a beginning of an MCC in communist Poland.

There is one more exciting story to tell: Last summer, Rev. Charles Arehart and Rev. Jean White, both elders and Jean is Director of World Church Extension, went to Nigeria to purchase and deliver the Volkswagen automobile which the Fellowship had raised funds for. Originally Rev. Sylvanus Maduka had walked 20 miles each way to supervise his one outlying church -- now he had six! For a while, he rode a motorcycle -- but he has six children also, and it's hard to carry a wife and six children on a motorcycle. Besides, he could use his Volks to supplement his income. It would be a kind of bush taxi, taking people to town for a fare.

Jean White had been a medical missionary in Indochina, and if you have not read her testimony of being captured and tortured for her faith -- and finding out that she was gay and the same missionary society that she had been with when she was tortured turning her away when they found she was gay, we'd be glad to xerox and let you read the story of this exciting woman. Now Jean was visiting Africa -- just as our elder. But she was not prepared for what happened when the people discovered she was a nurse! Folks came from miles around bringing the sick, the injured, babies, children with kwashiorkor -- all sorts of diseases. Jean had a first-aid kit with her, that was all. She sent to a nearby town for a few medical supplies, and she did what she could during the time she was available.

She shared a dream with us at General Conference. What those people need, she felt, was a full-time nurse to provide medical basic care and midwifery skills for the seven villages that MCC serves -- actually one large extended clan of Biafran people. As you will remember, Biafrans are a minority people in that area, and have been sadly oppressed by the other tribes.

Most of us remember the photographs of starving Biafran children, pleading for food, just a few years ago. Our MCC's serve those children and their parents. Many of us looked at the slides Jean and Charlie brought back, and our hearts bled for the kids and for the women, particularly -- hungry, dirty, many diseased with malaria, yaws, parasites. Many of them diseases of inadequate sanitation. In one village, the only water source is a German brick-making factory, which delivers the water used to wash newly baked brick to the community, where it is strained, used to drink, cook with, wash with, irrigate the farms. Sanitation is difficult, almost impossible, under those conditions. Health needs soar.

Some of us who are nurses -- and I, in particular, since I am now working in a Community Health setting, felt the need to assist Jean in raising money for the nursing scholarship. The person chosen would be an African woman, a native of one of the villages MCC serves, who has the education and ability to become a nurse-midwife, who would be educated in England (or in a city in Africa) and would commit herself to return to the villages that are her clan and tribe, and work to better health conditions for them. It would have to be a woman, because she would be attending women in childbirth, something no man does in that area.

Some of you might feel that we would be better off raising money to meet our own financial situation at this time. That's probably true -- but I don't think Christ would have us do that, somehow. I suspect he would want us to be about the business he came to do -- "Be compassionate, as your God is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Pardon and you shall be pardoned. Give, and it shall be given unto you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will they pour into the folds of your garments. For the measure which you measure with will be measured back to you." We need to stop thinking only of ourselves and begin to reach out to others -- maybe even those not of our immediate flock -- and give. Sometimes I think when we are too concerned with our own needs and do not see the needs of others, the wells that supply our needs tend to dry up.

I have committed myself to trying to raise \$500.00 for the nursing scholarship. Will you be part of that? We will be taking this mission offering on February 28th, at a special service honoring Black History Month, and in memory of our dear friend Connie White. I cannot think of a better way to remember Connie than to make a gift to this cause in her name.

A brochure about World Church Extension, a pledge card, and an envelope is enclosed. You may designate your offering to another program of World Church Extension if you wish, as well.

Please give -- in Connie's name, in the name of a needy humanity, and to "spread the word that God is in our land, and they'll know we are Christians by our love."

Rev. Marge Ragona

WHY WE ARE A FELLOWSHIP



FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

OCTOBER 1980

"WHY WE ARE A FELLOWSHIP"

By Rev. James Sandmire

Edited 1980

When Reverend Troy Perry founded Metropolitan Community Church in 1968, he called gay men and lesbians into a new relationship with their Creator. In 1969, newly-founded Metropolitan Community Churches came together to form a new denomination -- the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches or as we call it, "The Fellowship." The exciting message of the all-embracing love of God has brought thousands of gay and non-gay persons into our family. Metropolitan Community Churches are found in most American cities, in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Denmark, Nigeria and South Africa.

Within our unique Fellowship a special blend of doctrine and government has grown up. The congregational tradition has always been strong in the Fellowship. Sometimes that congregational government has been modified in the interests of common purposes and better governing of the whole Fellowship. Why has that happened? Of what value is the Fellowship to local Metropolitan Community Churches and members?

1. MORE EFFECTIVE WITNESS

The first answer to the question of the value of the Fellowship might be titled "the evangelism reason" for the Fellowship. The Christian Church has been charged from birth with spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to *all* people. In the early days individual Metropolitan Community Churches within the Fellowship founded other congregations. However, as time progressed, and as the call for us to witness to Christ's love came from all over the world, it was the Fellowship through the Boards of Home Missions and the Board of World Church Extension that responded. The Fellowship sent ministers and funds to found Churches within the United States and then to Canada, Australia and the United Kingdom. The Fellowship was able to organize efforts in areas where individual Churches and members could not succeed. Spokespersons representing UFMCC received publicity

in the newspapers, radio and television: this exposure increased the demands for the Fellowship's presence in new areas. The Fellowship as a whole has become a sign of hope to oppressed people all over the world who want to hear the Gospel preached in its fullness; and who need to be empowered by such a ministry.

2. AN IMPORTANT SYMBOL IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Important to the growth of our individual Churches is the general image of the Fellowship in the gay and non-gay communities. If that image is a responsible, stable, dynamic and growing one, (which we hope and believe it is!) our task of providing leadership in preaching the Gospel, fighting for social justice, establishing prison ministries and developing other ministries is made that much easier. In addition, our influence among other denominations, particularly in changing their policies and attitudes about their own lesbians and gay members and ministers, is increased if the Fellowship is well known and highly regarded. Further, the Universal Fellowship is, in fact, the largest international vehicle for public education about homosexuality. The Fellowship, as a whole, can be of great value to us all by projecting an international image of responsibility and unity, and by highlighting those programs that emphasize our commitment to social justice and Christian love.

3. PROGRAMS IN CHRISTIAN LIVING AND LOVING

A third area in which the Fellowship performs a service for all of us is in the programs we develop. While it is true that an individual Church might have an excellent prison ministry or an extension program, or social action program, it is the Fellowship that can coordinate, communicate and develop them. The Fellowship Offices can administer them on a cost-effective basis and publicize them to member Churches. This can prevent unnecessary duplication, or having to "reinvent the wheel." Particularly in Social Action programs, we can highlight the work of the *Washington Field Office*. Every denomination of any size in the United States maintains a Washington Office to give it an opportunity to influence legislation by educating people to the religious and moral

aspects of important social questions facing our world today. The Universal Fellowship has followed this example and has developed a highly respected and influential office in Washington. It enables us to educate legislators about the problems and needs of lesbians and gay men in the United States; it is the center for our own Department of Christian Social Action, and it is the headquarters for our Department of Ecumenical Relations. The Office thus has a role not only within our own Fellowship, but in the wider political and ecumenical community.

4. COMMUNITY VALUE

This brings us to the *community* value of Metropolitan Community Church as a Fellowship. The moral leadership that this Fellowship attempts to provide for the larger community is a most important part of its function. In addition, the very existence of U.F.M.C.C. creates community where it never existed before: literally thousands of lesbians and gay men take great strength and comfort in the fact that in every major city, and now in many rural communities, there is a Metropolitan Community Church. We are becoming widely recognized as a Church of liberation for a community in need.

5. THE IMPORTANCE OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

The General Conference is an important part of the Fellowship's value to individual Churches and members. It provides a place where Churches can come together, where individual members and ministers can mingle and learn from one another, and where all can contribute their thoughts and needs to our direction for the future. General Conference also provides a sense of family and community which individual Churches may not feel by themselves. Anyone who has ever been to a General Conference and feels the sense of excitement at being part of an international family, can only marvel at the way the Holy Spirit unites us in our diversity in this special spiritual event. General Conference is also where we hammer out our problems; where we debate issues of great urgency to the whole Church, where we forge out our future together. It reinforces the hopes and dreams of every individual Church and member.

6. THE VALUE OF FELLOWSHIP STRUCTURES AND LEADERSHIP

Between the General Conferences it is important that there be an open and united leadership through which the vision of the Fellowship (agreed on at General Conference) can be articulated. One of the structures for enabling that is the Board of Elders. The Elders are to administer the Fellowship between General Conferences, articulate Fellowship policies, and to keep the vision before us. They are also accountable as a sounding board for Districts and local Churches as to ways to improve the Fellowship as a whole, in terms of its responsiveness to the needs of its members and the needs of the world.

Through the Fellowship, Elders, District Coordinators and other Church officers are provided to help those Churches in solving problems and charting directions. Oftentimes, travel for those visits is paid for by District or Fellowship funds. A visit by a Fellowship official may be an occasion for that Church to feel once again that it is a part of the whole Fellowship. Meetings of Elders with District Coordinators and Pastors, Ministers Conferences, often provide a church or pastor with new perspectives on problems they have been wrestling with. Fellowship conferences can provide renewal and revitalization for local Church members and ministers.

It is the Fellowship, through the Ministerial Credentials and Affairs Committee, that provides qualified ministers for our Churches. Anyone who has been with us from the early days can remember that there was a time when we could not provide such help. Today we have a much better qualified group of ministers providing more effective leadership for our congregations. Also, through the work of Samaritan Theological Institute, preparation and continuing education for clergy and laity is provided.

Other Commissions tackle the many concerns of our individual Churches: The Task Force on Inclusive Language, Government Structures and Systems, The Commission on the Laity, Race Relations, Media Ministry, etc. All these are made possible because of the commitments this Fellowship has made together.

7. GENERAL CHURCH SERVICES

The Fellowship provides Church services of many types to congregations. These services include the

designing and supplying of Resource Packets, Fellowship magazines, "Keeping In Touch," assistance in auditing financial records of a congregation, an insurance program, books, bibliographies, Church supplies of all kinds and speakers and resources for special events. Fellowship phones constantly ring with questions and requests for aid from local Churches. In a very real sense the Fellowship provides things for congregations and ministers and lay people that they could not easily provide themselves.

IN CONCLUSION

If we were to add up all of these services and helps together, they constitute an enormous number of activities provided for our communities, Churches, ministers and lay people. Our Fellowship is supported only by tithes from local Metropolitan Community Churches, and from no outside sources. This Fellowship is no more and no less than our collective identity as Christians in MCC. We, *you*, do it all on your own. As the Fellowship continues to grow in size and effectiveness, the demand for our ministry will increase, as we struggle with what it means to be a Church called to a very special vision and mission! We invite you, this October 1980, to celebrate the existence and ministry of UFMCC the world over!



Rev. Sandmire is the founder and Worship Coordinator of MCC of the Redwoods. He pastored MCC churches in San Francisco, Los Angeles, All Saints and East Bay. He served 2 full terms as an Elder and Treasurer of the UFMCC. He is currently chair of the Board of Regents of Samaritan Theological Institute.

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JOIN THE DANCE CHOIR FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE!

Persons from all over the Fellowship are invited to join the dance choir and participate in the worship services at General Conference in Houston this summer.

The dance choir will be led by professional San Francisco choreographer Jim Kerber.

Both those with extensive dance backgrounds and those with a minimal amount of jazz, ballet, folk or modern dance training are welcome to follow our ancestors in the faith by praising God with our whole bodies.

Rehearsals will take place during the conference itself and will probably conflict with rehearsals for the conference vocal choir, so those with multiple talents will need to make a choice.

Attire will be blue jeans, white shirts and white surplices (please bring your own) and we will be dancing barefoot.

If you'd like to join the dance choir, please send a note with a short description of your dance background and training to:

Jim Kerber
6908 MacArthur Blvd.
Oakland, CA 94605

If you have any further questions, call Jim Kerber at (415) 635-5364.

"Praise God with the blast of the trumpet, praise God with lyre and harp, Praise God with timbrel and dance, praise God with strings and pipe. Praise God with sounding cymbals, praise God with clanging cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise Yahweh."

Psalms 150



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June 7, 1983

TO: ALL CLERGY & CONGREGATIONS
FROM: ELDERS MANK & WILSON, & THE GENERAL CONFERENCE MANAGEMENT TEAM
RE: YOUR URGENT ATTENTION IS REQUESTED: CONCERNING GENERAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

WE ARE MAKING AN URGENT APPEAL FOR REGISTRATIONS FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE XI IN TORONTO.

The Board of Elders and General Conference Management Team has planned a Conference this year that includes many special features for delegates, clergy and non-delegates alike. Every day there are exciting opportunities for education, sharing and ministry for people who are not involved in business meetings. There will be available seats for those who are not clergy or delegates to observe the business meetings as well. We have planned a whole day of very exciting seminars by well-known speakers. There will be special evening sharing groups, pastoral care, tours of Toronto, entertainment and exciting, spirit-filled worship.

The Board of Elders and the General Conference Management Team made a firm commitment to be able to pay for this General Conference by the time we arrived in Toronto. This involved careful analysis of previous Conferences, how they were handled, and how we could change how Conference was paid for. This General Conference was to be paid for by the individual registration fees of \$75.00. At this date, one month before Conference, we have only received 50% of the anticipated registrations. At our last Conference we had over 900 registrations, and this year we did expect fewer registrations, and planned for that. However, this is much too low this close to Conference.

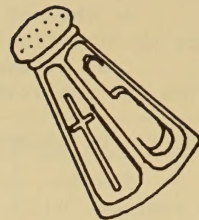
When we held conferences in a hotel, the room costs were high, but the facility rental was free or inexpensive. This time, room rates are low, but the facilities alone will cost the General Conference over \$10,000. Your room registration fee does not underwrite the cost of General Conference.

If we do not begin to hear from you at once that more registrations are forthcoming, we will be forced to take drastic measures to insure a debt-free Conference. This will include canceling special speakers, features, and use of certain campus facilities. We will only rent meeting space for the number of persons registered. If people rent rooms who are not registered, this will create enormous problems to us.

All Conference participants, choirs, orchestra members, soloists, workshop leaders and anyone who wants to participate in activities of Conference at the University of Toronto, must register. We need your immediate cooperation in this matter. If you plan to register and have not done so, we must know now. Help us keep our promise.

The Reverend Troy D. Perry, Founder

SALT OF THE EARTH RESOURCES



"You are the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13).

You are the ones who can flavor the world
with something different than it now knows.

Resources for the ministries of laity and clergy in the UFMCC and other churches.

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DOING THEOLOGY

SALT OF THE EARTH RESOURCES (SOTER) is a resource bulletin published by Samaritan Extended Studies. SOTER presents resources for Christian ministry. A different area of ministry is covered each issue. SOTER (sō-târ) is Greek for Savior. To continue the ministry of our Savior, we must share with each other our resources.

In a denomination as diverse as the UFMCC, the practice of doing theology is extremely important. With our members coming from many different church backgrounds, we have no "ready-made" answers that all in the Fellowship can accept. We have to struggle to articulate our faith in ways that are meaningful, contemporary, and powerful. This is obviously hard work but it is also a blessing. We have the privilege of mining deeply into our heritage and exploring widely the current religious and secular scene. This mining and exploration are making us fuller and more inclusive Christians. We are not stuck in the backgrounds from which we come but are moving toward a more balanced expression of Christianity - involving both head and heart, both male and female, all races, all nationalities, all ages. This is what it means to be truly ecumenical or universal in our Christian faith.

Much of our theological exploration and growth in the UFMCC, however, has been haphazard. We do theology whether we plan to or not - in our worship, structure, community life, classes, etc. - but we can be much more productive in doing theology by being deliberate and intentional about it.

This issue of SOTER focuses on doing theology. The following are resources of which the editor of SOTER is aware. Please share with SOTER your comments and reactions. Are these resources helpful to you? What other resources have you developed or discovered? Please share what you know with SOTER and your other UFMCC colleagues.

WINGEIER BOOK IS VALUABLE GUIDE

Working Out Your Own Beliefs: A Guide for Doing Your Own Theology by Douglas E. Wingeier (Abingdon Press, 1980) is an excellent resource for doing theology. Wingeier is a professor of Christian Education and Director of Continuing Education at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. He has served as minister and missionary in addition to his present teaching and writing responsibilities.

Wingeier is concerned that theologizing not be left just to the "experts" but that all church members discover the importance of their Christian faith for answering their life questions - both major and minor. He presents a way for people to work out their own beliefs by translating their faith into decisions. In the author's words, faith translation involves "making meaning out of our experience, in the light of the root sources of faith in Scripture and tradition." There are chapters on each of the four ingredients in the process: experience, reason, Scripture, and tradition. Insightful exercises at the conclusion of each chapter make this book excellent for group study or a structured class as well as personal informal study.

At the end of the book Wingeier includes a resource list of books for doing theology, for interpreting Scripture, and sources of exercises for doing theology in groups.

Cost of the book is \$4.95. It can be ordered from a local bookstore or directly from the publisher: Abingdon Press, 201 Eighth Ave. South, Box 801, Nashville, TN 37202.

MCC PASTOR ADAPTS WINGEIER BOOK FOR LOCAL CHURCH USE

The Rev. Bruce Hill, Pastor of Calvary MCC, Redwood City, California, has developed a seminar "Doing Your Own Theology" based on the Wingeier book Working Out Your Own Beliefs. Rev. Hill taught his course at his church, Calvary MCC. After his class had grasped the basic tools for doing theology, they explored the UFMCC Statement of Faith as an exercise of their new knowledge and skills. The results were published in the January 1983 issue of JOURNEY.

Rev. Hill is willing to present his six-hour seminar, "Doing Your Own Theology", at conferences and local congregations. The seminar includes a presentation of Wingeier's basic material and tools adapted for MCC use and helpful sharing exercises for each of the book's chapters. Some of these exercises are a re-working of Wingeier's suggestions and others are new. They all avoid the male-God language and heterosexual-family examples of Wingeier. For a "live" seminar taught by Rev. Hill, contact him directly at Calvary MCC, P.O. Box 70, Redwood City, CA 94064, (415) 368-0188.

For a written copy of "Doing Your Own Theology" (Rev. Hill's seminar materials and exercises), contact Samaritan Extended Studies, 11 Columbia St., Hartford, CT 06106. Cost is \$4.00 (includes postage), payable in U.S. funds to Samaritan Extended Studies.

FFO COMMISSION ENABLES GRASSROOTS THEOLOGIZING

The UFMCC's Faith, Fellowship, and Order Commission provides a forum for all members of the Fellowship to articulate where they are and to explore the theological diversity and consensus of their denomination. The commission was first established in 1973 and was re-organized at the 1981 General Conference with a three-fold mandate: to research, discuss, and propose to the Fellowship a Statement of Faith using the present doctrinal statement as a starting point; to apply that research to the theological implications of any linguistic changes in the Statement of Faith as adopted by the 1981 General Conference; and to develop and disseminate study questions as the UFMCC develops a Christian theology of sexuality.

To accomplish these tasks, FFO has developed three workshops to be presented at District Conferences and local congregations for grassroots study and input from as many people in the Fellowship as possible. A description of these three workshops follows:

BASICS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH I explores connections between spirituality and sexuality, between sexual and spiritual personal histories;

BASICS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH II begins with our worship experience and proceeds to explore the basic theological propositions in the UFMCC Statement of Faith;

BASICS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH III develops study questions for a Christian theology of sexuality.

For more information about these workshops and to have them offered in your District or local congregation, contact the lay and clergy representatives from your District to FFO. If you do not know who they are, contact the Chair of FFO: The Rev. Jennie Boyd Bull, MCC Baltimore, P.O. Box 1145, Baltimore, MD 21203, (301) 523-6363.

HELP NEEDED FOR FUTURE ISSUES OF SOTER

Upcoming issues of SOTER will focus on such areas of ministry as sexuality and Christian faith, pastoral resources for the AIDS crisis, Spanish-language resources, resources for the blind, church health, Bible study, and prayer. The editor of SOTER seeks the assistance of readers in compiling resources in these areas and also in the subject areas in which SOTER has already focused: stewardship, the church year, self-esteem, church planning, evangelism, stress and burnout, and doing theology. Send your suggestions to Jeffrey Pulling, Samaritan Extended Studies, 11 Columbia Street, Hartford, CT 06106.

The editor of SOTER also seeks the suggestions of readers for topics of future issues.

INSURANCE PLAN UPDATE

GOOD NEWS!

The insurance office wants to express its appreciation to all of you who have joined our Insurance Plan. In order to safeguard your continued coverage, please pay promptly. The Fellowship is not in a position to pay premiums for anyone who becomes delinquent. We want you covered, not cancelled.

BAD NEWS!

The insurance enrollment period has closed at this time. You will be notified as soon as we learn the date of your next eligibility period.

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APRIL 1983

MARCH TOP 20 TITHES Received by April 15 (Per Capita)

Christ Chapel MCC, Santa Ana, CA	\$25.93
MCC of the Redwoods, Mill Valley, CA	23.58
De Colores MCC, Eagle Rock, CA	20.00
MCC Greater St. Louis, St. Louis, MO	17.13
MCC of the Pomona Valley, Pomona, CA	16.97
MCC of the Desert, Palm Springs, CA	16.85
Calvary MCC, Redwood City, CA	15.57
Family of Peace MCC, Overland Park, KS	15.54
MCC Albuquerque, Albuquerque, NM	15.39
MCC Long Beach, Long Beach, CA	14.20
New Hope MCC, Kingman, AZ	13.13
MCC Dallas, Dallas, TX	12.71
Trinity MCC, New York, NY	12.08
MCC Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA	11.86
River Cities MCC, Shreveport, LA	11.05
The Church of New Hope MCC, Waterloo, IA	10.72
MCC Illiano, Quincy, IL	10.58
Maranatha MCC, Hayward, CA	10.50
MCC of the Willamette Valley, Eugene, OR	10.41
Joy MCC, Orlando, FL	10.14

MARCH TOP 20 TITHES Received by April 15 (In Amount Given)

MCC Dallas, Dallas, TX	\$1,620.18
MCC of the Resurrection, Houston, TX	1208.66
MCC Long Beach, Long Beach, CA	867.78
MCC in the Valley, No. Hollywood, CA	809.51
MCC of Greater St. Louis, St. Louis, MO	596.08
MCC Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA	555.99
Christ Chapel MCC, Santa Ana, CA	542.00
MCC Portland, Portland, OR	533.31
MCC San Francisco, San Francisco, CA	518.52
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Agape MCC, Ft. Worth, TX	402.55
Joy MCC, Orlando, FL	364.01
Good Shepherd Parish, Chicago, IL	340.65
MCC Tampa, Tampa, FL	335.32
River City MCC, Sacramento, CA	326.82
MCC New York, New York, NY	311.29
MCC Albuquerque, Albuquerque, NM	306.62
MCC San Antonio, San Antonio, TX	292.65
Casa de Cristo, Phoenix, AZ	285.11

OUR APOLOGIES to MCC Albuquerque. They were No. 11 in tithes for the month of December, and we failed to include them. Their tithes to the Fellowship were over \$283.00. Congratulations MCC Albuquerque!

NEW DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION FOR UFMCC OFFICES. Mr. Ravi Verma, a member of MCC Pittsburgh and Lay Representative from the Mid-Atlantic District is moving to Los Angeles in June to become the new Director of Administration for the Fellowship. Mr. Verma comes to us from a successful career in private industry and has a Master of Business Administration. He will be present at General Conference in his new role with the Fellowship.

JOURNEY magazine will combine its June and July issues and offer you an expanded version to be available prior to General Conference. We will again combine August and September in order to "cover" General Conference and also because we will all be in Toronto during our regular deadline time. If you don't already have a subscription to JOURNEY, now is the time to get one so you won't miss out on important information.

GENERAL CONFERENCE UPDATE.

REGISTER NOW AND AVOID THE RUSH AT GENERAL CONFERENCE! Clergy, worship coordinators and all church leaders are asked to encourage everyone to attend General Conference for their own benefit and for a boost to the enthusiasm in each local church. Registration for conference is \$75 per person. The General Conference this year in Toronto has every indication of being an outstanding meeting. For Conference registration forms write: Richard Ploen, Conference Coordinator, UFMCC, 5300 Santa Monica Boulevard, No. 304, Los Angeles, CA 90029.

VOICES FOR THE CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA PLAYERS STILL NEEDED. Mr. Danny Ray, Music Director of General Conference has put out a call for more singers for the choirs and orchestra players. He especially needs string players. If you have the talent and have hesitated because you have not played for awhile, get out your instrument and start practicing. Here is something that is really needed and you can make an impressive contribution. Bring your musical talent (and instrument if you play) to Conference, you'll really enjoy "making a joyful sound unto the Lord."

HOUSING IN THE RESIDENCE HALLS. There are some single rooms still available in the residence halls of the University of Toronto. The cost is \$170 for the week including breakfast. If you are interested, contact the General Conference office, UFMCC at the address above. Reminder, that once assigned to a room in the residence halls, that assignment is for the entire week.

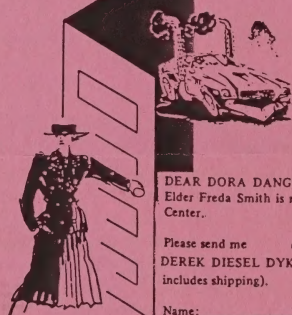
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES GOVERNING BOARD MEETING IN SAN FRANCISCO . . .

Most of the Board of Elders, Mr. Adam DeBaugh and members of our delegation to the NCC met with the NCC Governing Board, May 9-13, 1983 in San Francisco, California. In addition to participating in panels and small group discussions, MCC celebrated a worship service at the First Presbyterian Church to which all Governing Board members were invited. Rev. Perry preached and communion was served by the Elders to all present - including several hundred MCCers from all over Northern California. The NCC will be voting on MCC's eligibility at either their November, 1983 or May, 1984 Governing Board meeting.

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Samaritan Resident College is in the process of selecting a new Dean.

Those interested in the position should possess a graduate degree in theology, education, or in a related field. Candidates must also be members in good standing of the UFMCC.

The Dean of the Resident College should also be versed in curriculum development, educational planning and academic administration.

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If you are interested in applying for the position of Dean of the Samaritan Resident College, please send your qualifications to the Samaritan Management Team at 5300 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 104, Los Angeles, CA 90029. Inquiries are being accepted until June 1, 1983.

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ATTENTION

ALL CLERGY AND LAY DELEGATES
GENERAL CONFERENCE REPORTS

The Reports for General Conference will be published in two sections. The First section is being mailed to all clergy and lay delegations on May 17, 1983. That section includes the Elders Report, the Finance Committee Report and proposed Budget, and most Committee and Commission Reports. The second section will be mailed in early June and will contain the Financial Reports, information on the proposed pension plan, the final draft of the Report on the Commission on Government, Structures and Systems, and other late-coming reports.

The Packets are being sent to clergy and lay delegations only. Extra copies will be available for purchase at General Conference.

TITHES, TITHES, TITHES . . .

Just a friendly reminder . . . all tithes to the Universal Fellowship are due at the Fellowship Offices by June 10, 1983 for the two year period ending May 31, 1983, if your delegation is to be seated at the 11th General Conference.

ELDERS MINUTES

February, 1983, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

A ADMINISTRATION

A4 GENERAL OFFICES

- 83A4-1 MOVED that we received Administrative Report.
(M-Harvey/2-Wilson; Unanimous)
- 83A4-2 MOVED that we reorganize the central administrative offices of the Universal Fellowship. (See Attachment No. 1)
(M-Smith/2-White, Unanimous)

A6 BOARD OF ELDERS

A6.1 Advisory Letters and Directives

- 83A6.1-1 MOVED we approve letter from Michael Mank to King of Peace MCC. (See Attachment No. 2)
(M-Mank/2-Smith; Unanimous)

A6.3 Mission Status Requests

- 83A6.3-1 MOVED we designate Keys to the Kingdom MCC, Key West, Florida as a Mission in the UFMCC.
(M-Smith/2-Mank; Unanimous)
- 83A6.3-2 MOVED we deny Mission status to MCC by the Sea, San Diego, CA at this time because their paperwork reflects that they do not meet minimum criteria for Mission status.
(M-Smith/2-Wilson; Unanimous)
- 83A6.3-3 MOVED we designate All Saints MCC, West Hollywood, California as a Mission in the UFMCC.
(M-Mank/2-White; Unanimous)

A6.4 Charter Requests

- 83A6.4-1 MOVED to designate Joy MCC, Orlando, Florida a Chartered Church in the UFMCC.
(M-Smith/2-Arehart; Unanimous)
- 83A6.4-2 MOVED to designate MCC of the Ozarks, Fayetteville, Arkansas a Chartered Church in the UFMCC.
(M-Smith/2-Arehart; Unanimous)
- 83A6.4-3 MOVED to designate St. John's MCC, Raleigh, North Carolina as a Chartered Church in the UFMCC.
(M-Smith/2-Arehart; Unanimous)

A6.5 Miscellaneous

- 83A6.5-1 MOVED we thank Reverend Nancy Radclyffe for her creativity and devotion in beginning the Spiritual Life and Clergy Care Program.
(M-Wilson/2-Arehart; Unanimous)
- 83A6.5-2 MOVED the Spiritual Life and Clergy Care Center be separated from CCCC. Also, we name Reverend Nancy Radclyffe as Senior Chaplain of Spiritual Life and Clergy Care.
(M-Mank/2-Harvey; Unanimous)
- 83A6.5-3 MOVED we give a \$250 bonus to Frank Zerilli on his 8th Anniversary of working for the Fellowship and serving the Board of Elders.
(M-Harvey/2-Arehart; Unanimous)

- A6.6 Fellowship SOP's
- 83A6.6-1 MOVED that the Treasurer is authorized to make loan agreements in consultation with the Board of Elders.
(M-Wilson/2-Harvey; Unanimous)
- 83A6.6-2 MOVED that we rescind personnel order, Elders Minutes 80A6.1-1 concerning having to be a member of MCC to be employed by the Fellowship.
(M-Mank/2-Wilson; Unanimous)
- A7 BOARD OF ELDERS MEETINGS
- A7.82 Minutes of Meetings, 1982
- 83A7.82 MOVED to accept minutes of October meeting as amended.
(M-Smith/2-White; Unanimous)
- A11 CHURCH SERVICES/PUBLICATIONS DEPARTMENT
- A11.8 Journey
- 83A11.8-1 MOVED that we accept new Journey advertising rates. (See Attachment No. 3)
(M-Harvey/2-White; Unanimous)
- 83A11.8-2 MOVED to accept progress report from Journey. (See Attachment No. 4)
(M-Arehart/2-Mank; Unanimous)
- B BUDGET AND FINANCE
- B7 FUND RAISING
- 83B7-1 MOVED we pursue a bingo license as part of our fund-raising program.
(M-Smith/2-Arehart; Unanimous)
- B8 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
- 83B8-1 MOVED to recommend to the General Conference that it establish a separate and incorporated Board of Pensions to direct, oversee and manage all retirement programs under the corporate sponsorship of the UFMCC. A comprehensive proposal will accompany the Elders paper to General Conference.
(M-Arehart/2-White; Unanimous)
- 83B8-2 MOVED that all clergypersons who have been licensed clergypersons for four years and all Ordained clergypersons be eligible for the pension plan.
(M-Arehart/2-Mank; Unanimous)
- 83B8-3 MOVED that we appoint Kerry Brown to be our agent in helping us prepare the Pension Plan and that all necessary expenses be covered.
(M-Mank/2-Arehart; Unanimous)
- C DISTRICTS
- C4 Southeast District
- 83C4.0707-1 MOVED we approve By-laws of Joy MCC, Orlando, Florida.
(M-Wilson/2-Arehart; Unanimous)
- C8 Northwest District
- 83C8.0203-1 MOVED we approve By-laws of MCC-San Jose, California.
(M-Smith/2-Mank; Unanimous)



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February 6, 1983

The Board of Elders
The Universal Fellowship of
Metropolitan Community Churches
5300 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 304
Los Angeles, California 90029

c/o: The Clerk of the Board

Dear Elder Sisters and Brothers,

Please advise this congregation:

1. Can Article VII, Section C. be used by the (Interim) Board of Directors of one congregation to institute disciplinary action against a member of some other congregation.
2. If Article VII, Section C. cannot be used as above what is the proper method to institute disciplinary action by the officers acting as the (Interim) Board of Directors against a member of some other congregation and what is judicial process.

We thank you, in advance, for responding in a timely fashion.

God is with us,

Rev. J. H. Gilbert
Rev. J. H. Gilbert
(Interim) Pastor

cc: Rev. Marr
The District Coordinator



5300 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 304, Los Angeles, California 90029 (213) 464-5100

February 1, 1983

TO: BOARD OF ELDERS
FROM: PJ SCHOENWETHER
RE: JOURNEY ADVERTISING RATES

We have been publishing now for three months with no response for display advertising. I'm sure there are lots of reasons for this but one reason seems to be the cost. For our circulation I think that the rates are far too high to get any interest.

I would like to suggest that we lower prices for now and try and generate some business. Then, we can gradually increase our rates as we gain the trust of our readers.

FULL PAGE	\$300	change to	\$140
HALF PAGE	\$170	change to	\$ 80
1/3 PAGE	\$120	change to	\$ 65
1/4 PAGE	\$ 90	change to	\$ 50
BUSINESS CARD			\$ 25

Perhaps we could review the status again in October. We would certainly have had time by then to see if changing the prices has helped.

The journey is our home,

Paula Schoenwether
editor

cc: collective members



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TO: BOARD OF ELDERS
FROM: P.J. SCHOENWETHER

February 1, 1983

Just wanted to let you know that all is going very well with JOURNEY. Subscriptions are coming in daily and we have about 100 new single subscriptions already. When we began three months ago IN UNITY had 200 single subscriptions and we wanted to double that in one year. Looks like this will happen in six months. We're really excited about that. Feedback has been very positive and we have met each deadline so far. I see no reason why that cannot happen every month unless machines break down as they have a tendency to do or the printer messes up our schedule which has already happened. Guess we are used to working under these conditions anyway. We are having a very good time.

Wanted to inform you of our plans for the July issue. We want to devote the entire issue to General Conference including all kinds of good stuff. We will increase the number of pages and have more copies printed so we can sell them at General Conference as a souvenir magazine. It should sell well and make a little money. Then, instead of publishing in August and September we would combine those issues and cover General Conference. This is a common practice of monthly magazines. This issue might also be expanded depending on finances. Michael can let us know about that. The other reason for not publishing in August is that we will all be in Toronto when the deadline time arrives so we would be very late and catching up for September would be a difficult task for everyone recovering from conference. The combined issue would be mailed the end of August. We would be back on schedule for October.

We welcome you input and feedback to JOURNEY and hope you are as pleased as we are.

Yours in Christ,

Paula J. Schoenwether
editor

cc: collective members



Metropolitan Community Church

WORLD CHURCH EXTENSION REPORT: FEBRUARY, 1983:

TO: The Board of Elders

FROM: Rev. Jean A. White - Executive Secretary for World Church Extension.

This quarter has seen a vast number of letters coming from various countries around the world, enquiring about U.F.M.C.C. It has been a period of constant enquiries but no new work begun.

One of the main causes of new works not beginning is the lack of educative materials in languages other than English. I have had many promises of translation work being done, but none has been fulfilled.

In Europe we are looking forward to the visit of Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson who will be sharing with us her workshop "operation resurrection". Nancy will be visiting Copenhagen and meeting the people from Sweden, as well as those in Britain.

New Zealand now has its first native licenced clergy person. Rev. Leigh Neighbour. This is exciting for the group and is promoting interest in outreach, they feel more "legitimate" now.

Nigeria - Rev. Sylvanus Maduka is very concerned about the political situation in his country. He wrote to me last week explaining that the former exiled Biafran leader has now been called back to Nigeria and this is causing a lot of unrest. He says the Churches are going on well, although some of the people have had to leave because of the culling of illegal immigrants into the country. He is making a tape of various singing groups in the Churches there, sending it to me to have it reproduced in time for General Conference.

As yet I have not received the Hispanic report from Mojica. However, John Doner has written to me from Mexico City telling me that things are really progressing there and there is not such a division amongst the various people - i.e. the Catholics and the Protestants. They are becoming more ecumenical in their approach.

A Belgian group invited me to their day of reconciliation, they asked me to speak on building bridges for Christians alienated from their own Churches.

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A second London Group has now started, in North London, there is much excitement about this in our community. We really feel God's guidance in this.

God is continuing to work among us but we desperately need materials to work with, also leaders. It is the usual Macedonian call.

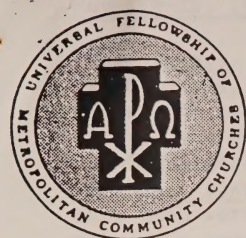
Respectfully submitted,

Jean A. White

Rev. Jean A. White
Executive Secretary for World Church Extension

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Report to Board of Elders, Feb. 1983

ATTACHMENT #6

Faith, Fellowship and Order Commission, Rev. Jennie Boyd Bull, Chair
P.O. Box 1145, Baltimore MD 21203 Ph 301 523-6363

Dec. 30, 1982

Dear Sisters and Brothers with FFO,

Enclosed are the minutes from our meeting Nov. 19-20 in San Francisco. I am still glowing with the excitement of our time together. (As one of us said, "afterglow"). If you were unable to be present, enclosed are all of the materials the 20 of us worked with during our meeting. We learned together that theology can be fun, and that we have much in common across our differing vocabularies of faith. We have also "set ourselves a piece of work to do" between now and general conference. Accomplishing our goals will require cooperation from each of you in keeping deadlines and in taking the initiative to communicate in your areas of responsibility. I KNOW that tabulation of workshop I will be tedious, but please don't delay this task, and send me your summary statements regardless. You have my phone and address. Office hours are noon to 7pm, Monday through Thursday. Please keep in touch. Blessings in our New Year! Grace and Truth, *Jennie Boyd Bull*

ADDITIONS to the Study Questions on a Christian Theology of Sexuality Draft:
(Please make these changes before reproducing or sharing your copy.)

A)SEXUAL THEOLOGY Add "CHRISTIAN SEXUALITY" as a heading.

H)SEXUAL BROKENNESS AND RESTORATION

Add "SIN, SEX AND SALVATION" as a subheading, and add the following questions

--Is homosexual promiscuity a myth? If not, is it Christian?

--What makes sex exploitative or not?

--If our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, what constitutes abuse?

--Is the concept of sin ever valid for Christians in their expression of sex?

Thanks to Joseph Gilbert for providing the clean format of the study questions.

CHECKLIST AND TIMELINE

- Jan. 7 Minutes mailed to all FFO reps, including first draft of study questions, current list of representatives, and November meeting materials for those who were unable to attend.
- Jan. 15 Deadline for FFO reps to mail the following to the chair:
--BCF I 23-page tabulation and 2-3page summary statement.
--BCF II 1-page tabulation and summary statement.
--script materials for slide/tape show (mail directly to Lucia Chappelle)
--logos ideas
--one paragraph draft of purpose, incorporating two theme questions.
- Feb. 13 Mailing to all FFO reps of:
--each district's summary statements on workshops I and II,
--Dr. Parker's summary statement and tabulation of BCF I, draft.
--Proposed logos designs
--Draft script for slide/tape show
--Proposed 1983-85 FFO budget
--Registration form for preconference meeting, July 8-10, in Toronto.
- March 15 Deadline for FFO reps to mail to chair response to Feb. 13 mailing, including proposed revisions to pre-conference report, script, logos, budget. Registration forms due for conference. Also, send bibliography resources for Jeff Pulling. This material will be finalized as pre-conference report.
- April 15 For April and May District conferences, suggestions for presenting study questions. NE, ~~SA~~ and SA will offer BCF I and II and submit data for report.
- July 8-10 PreConference meeting in Toronto. By June 15, all FFO reps will receive mailing with agenda, drafts, etc.



Faith, Fellowship and Order Commission, Rev. Jennie Boyd Bull, Chair
P.O. Box 1145, Baltimore MD 21203 Ph 301 523-6363

Dec. 30, 1982/ JBE

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19-20, 1982 MEETING OF
FAITH, FELLOWSHIP AND ORDER COMMISSION,
San Francisco, California

(These minutes are compiled from notes taken by Candace Adams, Clarence Crossman and Jennie Boyd Bull. Those present are appended at the end.)

Friday Afternoon, Nov. 19

The meeting opened with prayer by Jennie Boyd Bull. Liaison elder, Jeri Ann Harvey, greeted the commission and urged them to give themselves permission to be, to enjoy, to love, to get excited, to listen with each other.

District Updates

Southeast: Joseph Gilbert reports great support for FFO, including financial support for both delegates to attend the meeting. Both workshops have been offered at district conferences. The Statement of Faith workshop (BCFII) took consensus seriously, and found lack of consensus on its statement about who Jesus is. Joseph is working on the history of UFMCC's statement of faith, and provided the entire commission with a booklet of worship resources for the workshops, which was used during the meeting.

Southwest: Roger Webb and Chuck Russell reported a lack of communication and materials due to changing representatives and no workshops offered yet. Roger presented a proposal focusing on relationship dysfunction, based on a theology of personhood.

Northwest: Jack Hubbs and Betty Pedersen conveyed excitement about FFO. Both workshops have been offered, with 40 and 60 participants. The short time available has meant an intense working focus, especially during BCFII. They have used fantasy techniques to lead into the meditations and have discovered unity of belief, with differences only in language. Plans are to present both workshops in local congregations, based on district response that theology can be fun.

South Central: Sally Sumrall and Jo Crisco reported both workshops have been given, with about 25 participants, except BCFI, part 3. They faced negative presumptions about FFO, but the workshop participants ended with a positive evaluation and a sense of healing in the process. They plan to repeat both workshops in the May conference and to offer workshops in local congregations. One key was sensitivity to theological diversity and language. Sally transcribed the entire taped discussion. Their goal is to help the district move beyond defensiveness in "preserving the faith".

Western Canada: Michelle Carmody and Ernie LaCasse reported that both workshops have been offered, to small groups unfamiliar with UFMCC and FFO. The district paid for their travel willingly and there is interest in more workshops. Any suspicion stems from perceived directiveness from UFMCC.

South Atlantic: Vicky Landes reported that no workshops had been held and she is doubtful that time will be allocated at district conferences, so she is looking for alternative means of offering the workshops.

MidAtlantic: Marianne Van Fossen reported that FFO is known and respected. Both workshops have been held. BCFI was well received, with 30 in attendance, but BCFII had problems, primarily that of boredom because participants agreed about theology, citing only language differences.

MidCentral: BJ Couvion and Candace Adams reported BCFI was well received in October and both workshops are planned for May district conference. There is general district excitement about FFO, financial support for their attendance at the meeting. Three local churches have had BCFII, where the primary issues were statements on Bible and on salvation.

Great Lakes: The BCFL workshop, presented at a district retreat, was well received by 80 people, with surprise that something exciting came from UFMCC. Carol Ann Kyrias' travel was paid by the district. People from a wide range of theological perspectives enjoyed the workshop. BCFLI will be offered in May, and there are plans for at least one local workshop.

Northeast District: No representatives present, but a letter from Bob Brusco shared that both workshops will be offered at their April 1983 conference, since themes are planned a year in advance. There is enthusiasm about FFO, and Bob plans to attend the FFO working session at Eastern Clergy Conference.

Eastern Canada: Clarence Crossman reported that BCFLI had been offered in May, and BCFLI would be offered May 83. Suspicion of UFMCC and logistical problems meant some lack of interest thus far.

World Church Extension Areas: No word from the Hispanic Americas. JoMcVay Abbott writes from Great Britain of excitement about FFO at their November workshop, attended by 28, and interest in offering additional workshops in 1983, adapted to their culture.

Australia: Because of major changes, neither district has offered any workshops, but Karen Lindstrom continues to convey interest and has received all materials.

Summary: About 400 people have attended FFO workshops throughout UFMCC. Six of the 13 districts have completed both workshops and ^{ten} will have done so by May 1983. The South Atlantic, ~~so~~ west, Australian districts and the world church extension areas are still uncertain about completion.

Basics of the Christian Faith Workshops

Workshop I: Sexuality and Spirituality

The FFO representatives in each district are to be responsible for hand tabulation of the worksheets for BCFLI, based on the 23-page tabulation guide provided by Dr. Jackie Parker and distributed to each representative. (Eight districts have already completed BCFLI.) Computerization is not desirable or feasible because statistical accuracy is not a possibility or goal for this study--it is NOT scientific. No tabulation is necessary for the scripture portion of the worksheet (see p.3 of worksheet). Racial breakdown should also be indicated. Workshop participants should be invited to label pivotal events. The tabulation for each district should be mailed to the chair by January 15. (If there are also local workshops, simply compile information from them along with the district worksheets so that a single district tabulation results for each district, but submit a list of the workshops offered, giving locations and number of participants for each.)

In addition to the 23-page tabulation, the FFO representatives will submit a 2-3 page summary statement about the workshops, including the following:

--correlation of sexual and spiritual timelines, giving any general comments from the tapes or conclusions from the discussion. "We need to find a way to communicate in a few pages the content of the "revelatory moments" in the workshop, when people held up the timelines and said, "OH!"

--Process and general comments about the scripture study.

--Comments and process on the God imagery meditation.

The commission agreed that the chair would ask Dr. Parker to write a summary from the district reports, both of the tabulated material and of the summary statements, considering in particular differences between districts and the effect of language on differences. This preliminary report from Dr. Parker, along with the summaries from each district, will be circulated by Feb. 13 to all FFO representatives for comment and revision. It will be part of the report for general conference, seen as informative, not definitive. (FFO will pay Dr. Parker a nominal sum for her work.)

Workshop II: Statement of Faith

By Jan. 15, each district will submit the final "consensus" faith statement from the workshop, along with additional comments and demographics. (Five districts have completed BCFLI, and 9 or more will have by May.) The final form will be the worksheet for the faith statement, plus one or two pages of comment on areas of

consensus, areas of disagreement, and the process. Minority opinions and varying opinions should be reported where consensus was not reached, with comment on process.

The commission recessed for dinner together at an Italian restaurant, with a good time had by all.

Evening Session, Friday, Nov. 19

General Conference Report

The preconference report will include the following materials:

- Summary of results from BCFI: Sexuality and Spirituality.
- Summary of results from BCFII: Statement of Faith.
- Plans for 1983-85, including presentation at General Conference of finalized wording and order for study questions on a Christian Theology of Sexuality and workshops based on these questions.
- Restatement of mandate, preamble about purpose and description of process, along with restatement that no Statement of Faith changes will be proposed at General Conference 1983.

The report itself will be in the form of a slide/tape show expressing the grass roots process, feeling and embodiment of FFO. Marianne VanFossen, Lucia Chappelle, Sherre Boothman and Michelle Carmody will work on the show. Lucia will write a script based on quotes and comments from the workshop tapes and summary statements from each district report to the FFO chair. Tapes and quotes should be mailed directly to Lucia c/o Samaritan Education Center, by January 15. There will also be an introductory description and disclaimer about paraphrasing the quotations for confidentiality. Marianne will work with slides, to be submitted by June to her from FFO representatives. These slides should depict district conferences and local congregations with people in worship, dialogue, groups, reflecting our diversity. The slides should be labeled and their use for general conference cleared with those photographed. The draft of the slide/tape show will be circulated in February with other FFO materials, and the final show will be reviewed for FFO approval the first day of the July pre-conference meeting. The goal of the slide/tape show is to present the image of FFO as dynamic grass roots theologizing. Faith is act; theology is not boring; we are doing it every day. This presentation will be an incarnation of our theology, indicating that we are still in process.

Saturday Morning, Nov. 20 (with fruit, flowers, coffeecake and bears)

Study Questions for a Christian Theology of Sexuality

Before adjourning Friday evening, each individual wrote out several proposed questions; these were shared verbally and we "slept on it." The morning session began with all questions written on large sheets of paper around the walls of the room, and we spent the entire morning brainstorming. Betty Pedersen chaired the process, which involved grouping the questions by symbol and attempting to arrive at consensus for naming the central question or subject of each grouping. The process yielded eight areas, (see attached first draft of study questions) without any priority for the questions or final formulation of the questions in several of the areas. The goal is for each FFO representative to review this draft, share it in their districts, and at our July meeting FFO will decide on the final wording and ordering of these questions. Sherre Boothman, Clarence Crossman, Bob Bruso and others will meet at Eastern Clergy Conference to work up a suggested process for presenting these draft questions at May district conferences, for district input in clarifying and prioritizing them. This first draft is NOT for publication outside UFMCC at this point. The final study questions will be released at General Conference after additional input. This is a preliminary working draft for FFO purposes, although representatives may duplicate it for use in their districts as they find appropriate. The general sense of this session was excitement and surprise at the consensus on pastoral needs and common experiences expressed in these questions, beyond theological language used.

Saturday Afternoon, Nov. 20

Planning and Networking

Samaritan Extended Studies: Materials from Jeffrey Pulling were distributed, including a one-page application form describing availability of one (1) credit from Samaritan for participating in both Basics of the Christian Faith Workshops and writing a 4-5 page paper developing study questions for a Christian Theology of Sexuality, plus a \$25 fee. Persons wishing to receive credit must work directly with Samaritan Extended Studies and are responsible for maintaining their own records. The study question assignment should be mailed to the FFO chair within 30 days of completion of the two workshops, or upon receipt of the application form. Each representative received an application form, to be reproduced and distributed within their district.

Resource List: Each representative received a page of resources on Christian Sexuality, to be shared in their district. The Commission agreed that the chair should ask Jeff Pulling to compile a more thorough annotated bibliography for dissemination through FFO and for use as a resource at General Conference and in the coming two years. Representatives were asked to send resources of people, books, groups, organizations, articles to Jeff to assist in this compilation. This is the beginning of an ongoing task.

Journey: The Commission applauded the availability of Journey for communication Fellowship-wide and decided to submit at least one article each month from December until General Conference, providing a range of individual perspectives on a Christian theology of sexuality. These one-page printed articles should be 4 or 5 pages double-spaced in typed manuscript form, and received by the 1st of the month preceding publication (eg. Jan. 1 for February issue). They should be mailed directly to Paula Schoenwether, collective editor, at UFMCC. (Note: We are already one month behind, so the following list is adjusted accordingly. Representatives are individually accountable for working with Journey on these articles.)

February issue: "Genital Spirituality" Clarence Crossman

March: "Healing Sexual Wounds" Roger Webb

April: "The Risen Christ and Sexual Liberation" Marianne VanFossen

May: "Evangelism and Sexuality" Jo Crisco

June: "Eucharist as Embodiment" Jennie Doyd Bull

July: "Sexual Holiness" Sally Sumerall

Other articles were also mentioned: Ken Martin on "Pastoral Counseling and Sexuality," Don Eastman on "Christian Sexual Morality," Jeffrey Pulling on "Jesus and Sexuality" (reprint), Joseph Gilbert on "Jesus is a Friend of Mine" (reprint), Karen Ziegler on "Sexual Abuse", and selected ordination theses, which Lucia Chappelle will review for relevant topics. Current information on the FFO process will also be submitted to Journey by the chair, as appropriate. Joseph Gilbert's work compiling the history of our Bylaws will be held for publication until after general conference, but may also be available at the FFO commission fair booth.

Local Networking and Communications

The commission shared various methods of involving our districts more fully: appointment of FFO representatives in local churches, writing to each congregation in our district (send copies of all such correspondence to the chair), informing our districts of local resources within the district. One of the responsibilities of representatives is to discover local and regional resources. Christian Education directors can be contacted, or other laity and clergy already working in these areas. People who are enrolled for credit with Samaritan can be asked to do various forms of research and followup. For the report to general conference, each district representative might report on their district's process for scheduling workshops at district conferences and how FFO representatives might best relate to the district planning process. How can FFO have input into district theological activities? including funding from the district, in local church gatherings, special FFO retreats? How can we work to de-politicize our examination of theological issues at the district level?

General Conference Workshops: After discussion, the commission agreed that the "Embodiment" workshop at general conference, to be led by Jennie Boyd Bull and Jay Deacon, is a separate event not related to FFO and that FFO should offer the following workshops. Basics of the Christian Faith I: Sexuality and Spirituality, and Basics of the Christian Faith II: Statement of Faith, will be offered during general conference for those who have not already taken them. Carol Ann Kyrias and Jack Hubbs will lead BCFI, and Candace Adams and Ernie LaCasse will lead BCFII. A third workshop, designed around the study questions, Basics of the Christian Faith III: Study Questions on a Christian Theology of Sexuality, will be offered concurrently. Sherre Boothman, Clarence Crossman, Bob Brusco and others will develop this workshop during Eastern Clergy Conference and "test" it in the MidAtlantic and Southeast districts at their May conferences. Clarence Crossman, Sherre Boothman and Roger Webb will lead BCFIII at conference. Chuck Russell is willing to provide assistance for all of these workshops. (Note: These may be scheduled during business meetings, so be prepared to have an alternate if you are a delegate.)

General Conference Commission Fair and Logos: The commission agreed on the need to develop an FFO symbol for group identification at General Conference. Chuck Russell agreed to produce this logos on buttons, and Tad Lincoln took orders for T-shirts with the logos. The commission fair display will include a banner with the logos. The booth will have the slide/tape show (Lucia and Marianne will coordinate this); copies of the original "six questions" of FFO, an annotated bibliography from Jeff Pulling, the "study questions for a Christian Theology of Sexuality," and other materials (the chair will coordinate printed materials). Jo Crisco will seek the assistance of a display consultant in Fort Worth for design of the area, banner, etc. Proposed designs for the logos should be sent to the FFO chair by March 15 (preferably by Jan. 15) for distribution and voting by all FFO representatives. (The conference theme is "Many Gifts, One Spirit.") Jo Crisco volunteered to help with the booth at general conference, and Clarence Crossman volunteered to be responsible for determining space and equipment needs. Jeff Pulling will also be asked to help at the booth.

General Conference Worship: The commission agreed to request from the elders a morning communion service for FFO. Joseph Gilbert will coordinate planning of the service. Clarence Crossman also volunteered, and will explore use of a Toronto liturgical dance group. Vicky Landes and Tad Lincoln and Chuck Russell will also work on the worship planning, which will happen at Eastern Clergy Conference, with the proposed worship service circulated to all FFO representatives for comment. The goal will be maximum participation by all of FFO and the congregation.

National Council of Churches statement: The chair would be attending a Dec. 9-10 dialogue between UFMCC and the NCC, and the commission agreed to submit the following materials from FFO: The original FFO "Six Questions," a description of the FFO process (from Dec. Journey) and history, the May '82 cover letter about FFO.

PreConference FFO Meeting Agenda:

The commission will be meeting before General Conference, in the co-ed dorm in Toronto, from Friday morning, July 8 through Sunday evening, July 10. The first items of the agenda will be approval and coordination of activities for general conference: review of the slide/tape show, worship service, commission fair booth and activities, workshops BCFI, II and review of BCFIII. The commission will finalize the wording and order of the study questions on a Christian theology of sexuality and develop workshops around them for the next two years. While nothing will be proposed as changes in the statement of faith in 1983, the commission will develop a statement and process for dealing with the statement of faith and linguistic changes in the next two years. Marianne Van Fossen, Sally Sumerall and Carol Ann Kyrias will develop an introduction/preamble to the General Conference report, incorporating the two "theme" questions. Each representative is asked to develop working for such a preamble in language used in their district. The meeting adjourned with Holy communion and a Rite of Blessing of the relationship of Michelle Carnody and Betty Pedersen, a joyous "embodiment" of our task.



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*attended Nov.19-20 mtg.
+attended April 82 mtg.

<u>District</u>	<u>Clergy</u>	<u>Laity</u>
Eastern Canada	+*Clarence Crossman Holy Fellowship MCC London, Ontario	Samm Brock MCC Toronto Ontario
Northeast	+ Marge Ragona MCC Boston, Mass.	Bob Bruso Worcester, Mass.
MidAtlantic	+* Marianne VanFossen MCC of Northern Virginia	to be filled May 83
South Atlantic	James Brock MCC Atlanta, Ga.	* Victoria Landes St. John's MCC, Raleigh, NC
Southeast	+* Joseph Gilbert King of Peace MCC St. Petersburg, Fla.	* Tad Lincoln Christ MCC Miami, Fla.
Great Lakes	Patrick Kader Dayton Parish MCC, Ohio	* Carol Ann Kyrias GoodShepherd Parish MCC, Chicago, Ill.
MidCentral	*Candace Adams MCC Springfield Family, Mo.	* B.J. Couvion MCC Greater Kansas City, Mo.
South Central	*Jo Crisco Agape MCC, Fort Worth, Tx.	* Sally Sumerall MCC of the Resurrection, Houston, Tx.
Western Canada	*Ernie LaCasse (alt)for Phillip Speranza, MCC Edmonton	* Michelle Carmody MCC Vancouver
Northwest	+*Betty Pedersen MCC Portland, Ore.	+* Jack Hubbs Golden Gate MCC, San Francisco, Ca.
Southwest	* Roger Webb (to be confirmed) MCC Long Beach, Ca.	* Chuck Russell MCC of the Pomona Valley, Ca.
South Australia	Karen Lindstrom MCC Melbourne	Craham Caldwell MCC Adelaide
North Australia	vacant	vacant
Hispanic Americas	Bern David ICM Santa Cruz, Tucson, Ariz.	Jesus Maisonet ICM Hispana, Long Island City, NY
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February 13, 1983

TO: The UFMCC Board of Elders

FROM: R. Adam DeBaugh, Director, Department of Christian Social
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RE: Report for February 1983 Elders' meeting

Work on the Let's Do The Gospel Series is progressing slowly, but surely. Two editions have already been published, Burnout and Writing to Congress, with good response to both of them. The third edition, Coming Out!, is in process and hopefully will be to the typesetter before the end of the month.

We are still able to fund the series through contributions outside the General Fund. As you already know, the Do Unto Others Committee of MCC in the Valley contributed \$350 to print Burnout. This month, Jack Campbell gave us \$500 to print the Coming Out! edition. I will continue to solicit funds for future editions.

I am especially grateful to Phil Gallnitz and Kurt Kreisler in the Fellowship headquarters for providing typesetting for the series. Sales have not yet been very high because we haven't been able to do much advertising, but that is increasing and steps are being taken to get the word out.

Nothing much has been happening with the World Hunger Task Force due to my very busy schedule and the difficulties inherent in the "meeting by mail" system we attempted. I have decided to relinquish the chair of that task force and recommend the Rev. Sky Anderson for the chair of the World Hunger Task Force, with me continuing in a supervisory capacity. I have already spoken to Sky and he is very excited about serving in this way for the Fellowship. I am convinced he will do a good job since hunger is one of the areas of emphasis for his personal ministry. One of our goals for the task force is the production of an edition of the Let's Do The Gospel Series on World Hunger before General Conference.

That is all I have to report for now. Thank you for the letters most of you sent concerning the Let's Do The Gospel Series. Your written support meant a great deal to me and I appreciate it very much.

God bless you in your continued ministries.

The Reverend Troy D. Perry, Founder

Attachment No. 8

TO: Board of Elders - UFMCC

FROM: Department of Race Relations

Before I go into Race Relations stuff, let me thank you all for appointing me director of worship for General Conference XI. I sincerely hope that you and the Fellowship are pleased with this Conference's liturgies.

Enclosed is a copy of the report from the Third World Conference. It was quite an experience! I am not real clear about how to proceed from here. Any suggestions and comments you can offer will certainly be appreciated.

Putting the Conference together was an exhausting task, draining both physical and emotional energies. As a result, very little has been done in the area of race relations since. During the weeks preceeding the Conference, I was heavily involved in organizing a protest here in New York against the racism and brutality by the New York Police Department against a Black Gay bar named 'Blues' here. I have also been acting as a "consultant" with a cable TV series, "Our Time," to insure racial balance and sensitivity on the shows. Much time is being spent working with a team of other Third World persons in putting together a program on "Racism in the Gay Community." In addition I am a co-anchor for the news on that show and will assist in the program on "Gays and Religion." I'm scheduled to appear on an upcoming "Tony Brown's Journal: special on the Black Gay community. I also preached at Dignity New York in honor of Black History Month.

To get back to the conference. Of the needs and recommendations, the newsletter is the only one in motion. A conference evaluation form will be going out to conference participants soon so that there will be a guide for the next one.

At this Board of Elders meeting I feel it's important that you address the following: 1) Need No. 3 - Annual Third World Conference (or bi-annual alternating with UFMCC general conferences). Rationale: Harlem MCC would like to begin planning as soon as possible. 2) Under "recommendations," changing "Race Relations" to "Third World Ministries." Rationale: a new name may generate more involvement especially when it was the result of a joint effort. Third World persons and tangible evidence that constructive, unified involvement changes things, no matter how seemingly insignificant. 3) that the Board of Elders submit a brief statement to be published in our newsletter.

I am aware that there needs to be many points clarified about the other needs and recommendations. Such a report will be together in time for General Conference. I do need your advice about which channels to direct our efforts at General Conference.

Finally, thank you all for your support of this conference. Your greatest support was to let it happen. I personally learned a whole lot about you all, the Fellowship, my people, and myself. My love grew for all areas! This is a great time to have a General Conference around the theme, "Many Gifts, One Spirit." Needless to say, our work in the area of Third World ministries is just beginning. I honestly feel this past conference provided us finally with needed direction. As Third World people grow both in numbers and in consciousness our process will be refined. What we needed most was a chance to create a process, no matter how crude. We are grateful for the opportunity and trust.

Take care, Board. Have a good meeting. You'll be hearing from me. Let me hear from you.

Peace and unity,

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RE: Commission report
Commission on Special Ministries

The past few months have had little taken place except to attempt to put together persons who would be willing to act as committee chairpersons under the present Commission on Special Ministries. In conjunction with this there has been an attempt to keep regular contact, or as often as possible, with the management team for General Conference 11. This attempt is to keep in touch with the plans that are being made, and then to facilitate any that should be made for those with special needs during the conference.

In conjunction with Adam DeBaugh there is an attempt through specific individuals throughout the Fellowship with special concerns to put together small pamphlets for use in individual churches and districts in which individual studies can be considered in the area of special ministries. This has meant looking around to find those persons with those special skills who would be willing to help put together a special pamphlet in their area, and then to put together a group throughout the country and in other countries that have special skills along that same line as a network. My primary concern at this time is to try and find throughout the Fellowship one or possibly two persons in each special interest area who would be willing to serve as chairperson of that special ministries area and work directly with myself in providing a program in that area for each district in the Fellowship. This would mean say in the deaf and hard of hearing to have a chairperson who would work directly with me, but would organize throughout the Fellowship one or two key persons in each district to work as a team in the field of deaf and hard of hearing. Through that one team a special program could be worked up Fellowship wide in which special resources would be available along with a network to keep all in touch with one another who have this special interest. This type of team would be put together for each of the special areas in special ministries. The primary team would consist of that one or two persons acting as chairperson(s) of the individual special interest areas. Through this means the primary team would consist of approximately 15 persons, who in turn would be able to share with their teams across the Fellowship.

With General Conference 11 right over the horizon, regular contact is being made with the management team for the conference with regard to necessary facilities for those with special needs. At the present time Patrick Sterling, chairperson for ministry to the deaf and hard of hearing, has submitted some ideas for what might be needed for those persons, and which shall be worked through by myself as chairperson of this commission and the chairperson of the conference management team. In addition the Fellowship trail hymnal is being put into Braille and large-print for those with visual problems as hopefully will be the order of worship for each of the services. Plans will be made to put all of the reports of the Boards, Commissions and committees on tape so that those with visual or other kinds of reading problems may have the chance of going through them prior to conference. These tapes will be reused following conference with the full and complete reports or other pertinent information put on them. For those with mobility problems, particularly in walking, facilities will have to be worked through for those persons. This may require such things as temporary ramps for conference use. Other concerns will be addressed as the conference draws near and other needs are enumerated.

FUNDING: At this time one of the great concerns to this commission is the lack of funds. Other than the \$100 given by the Northeast District to me for postage and other travel on behalf of the commission; and the \$100 given through MCC of the Valley for my travel to the Planning and Strategy meeting in Dallas as chairperson of the Commission on Special Ministries. Looking ahead I feel the need to come to the western clergy conference, and hopefully this I could do in conjunction with making contacts while on the west coast in direct relationship to my work as this commission chairperson. It would mean that I would like to go down to Los Angeles and talk with members of the management team for the conference, and also with clergy in terms of what they can and could do to help in assisting the work of this commission. Therefore, I am hoping that somehow I could find as chairperson of the commission \$400 for airfare to San Francisco from Boston for November 15, 1982. I am paying my registration fee and trusting in faith that I shall be at the conference. It is my concern that without some kind of funding for the work of this commission in the future it will mean constant looking for help from districts, private individuals, etc. Therefore, I am seeking in request the amount of \$400 to bring me to western clergy conference. In the future pamphlets will need to be published; materials for General conference printed and purchased for those with special needs; and travel for those who need to be meeting with others throughout the Fellowship.

It seems to me that we can do wonders in the Fellowship in educating others in this special ministry. However, I am also fully aware that much of this must begin with the District Coordinators and pastors and worship coordinators of the local congregations. These persons must be convinced that there is a need to do something for those who may have special needs; for without this conviction the program beats its head against a wall. I praise God daily for this Fellowship; for what it has meant to those in the past, to those presently and what it will mean to those in the future. I believe in what we must and need to be doing. I believe that our work is real, but most of all it is God's work.

Rev. George S. McDermott, Chairperson
Commission on Special Ministries

TO: Reverend Elder Nancy Wilson, U.F.M.C.C., All District Coordinators, Members of the Task Force on Substance Abuse, and its representatives.

SUBJECT: Proposal for DISTRICT task forces on substance abuse.

I. RATIONALE:

- A. **INCIDENCE:** The incidence of substance abuse (alcohol, drugs, inhalents, and cannabis) within the gay/lesbian community is estimated to be as high as 80%. This problem is complicated in our community by the lack of social outlets, (alternative to bars), and more specifically by the ever increasing pace in which we have to live. Our members of the Christian Gay community must take an active part in the ministry of helping these individuals. The result of untreated substance abuse is not a pleasant one and generally leads in one of three directions: (1) jail or prison, (2) mental institutions, (3) death. Our society has been very slow in instigating agencies to help our people. Self-help groups (A.A., Addicts Anonymous, etc.) work as non-profit organizations that generally don't solicit payment in order to help these individuals. Mental institutions, hospitals, and recovery centers, although very effective, sometimes carry negative connotations suggesting the chemically dependent person is "less normal" than the rest of society and therefore, their treatment is not sought after. AlaNon, and other self-help agencies are set up to treat the families/friends closest to the chemically dependent person. There is a tremendous need for education about the non- or misunderstood addictive diseases. This process must be done by placing qualified counselors/lay persons within the local churches to initiate more interest and information about substance abuse.
- B. MCC is uniquely able to do this and to provide our community with educational resources on the subject, because of the already in place Substance Abuse Task Force of the U.F.M.C.C., and the presence in local areas of recovering chemically dependent lesbians/gay individuals. A pilot program has been started in the South Atlantic District by one of the members of the Task Force.
- C. Because of the limited outreach presently available for workshops and educational programs, it is necessary for districts to organize their own sub-Task Forces to serve the surrounding local church bodies.

II. PROPOSAL: That U.F.M.C.C. Task Force set up District Task Forces on Substance Abuse.

A. COMPOSITION PER DISTRICT:

1. A minimum of 4 persons (Appointed by D.C. and/or a committee he/she appoints)

- * Chairperson
- * Lay or Professional Minister
- * AlaNon
- * Professional speaker

ATLEAST 2 of the 4 PERSONS ON THE TASK FORCE SHOULD BE RECOVERING CHEMICALLY DEPENDENT INDIVIDUALS.

B. FUNCTION:

1. Provide workshops at local churches, when asked to do so.
(4 to 6 hours in length on the average)
 - a. Arrive Thursday evening. (optional)
 - b. Locate local resources Friday. (or prior to workshop)
 - c. Do workshop Saturday, using local people to aid, when available. (day of the week is flexible)
2. Provide assistance with starting Gay A.A. and support groups.

C. FUNDING:

1. Transportation paid by District/or local church.
2. Meals and beds provided by local church.
3. Literature for distribution paid for by local church. (when requested)
4. A minimal fee may be charged for attendance by local church to defray expenses.
5. Extra funds from these workshops will go into a treasury for future expenses not foreseen at present.
6. All costs will be discussed with local churches before contract is made to provide a workshop. (Appendix A, sample contract)

This is a rough draft for the proposal for your review and input. The model was taken from the pilot program that the South Atlantic District is already operating under. Each district will vote to adopt or the reject this proposal for their own use. Each district is free to change any part of this proposal to their benefit. Thank you for your time and support in the duties of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Submitted in love and prayers,

Daune Littlefield

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TO: The Board of Elders

FROM: Jim Mitulski, co-chair, UFMCC Hymnody Committee

RE: Recent Committee Meeting; Future Plans

I had hoped that I would be able to meet with you in person to report about the work of the committee. Unfortunately, I cannot afford the expense of travelling to Florida, so please accept this written report. I hope that you will contact me if you have any questions while considering this report (212-857-3154) and I trust that you will consult me in making decisions about the future of this committee and its work.

Last fall, Dick Follett (before his resignation) and I decided to convene the hymnody committee once before the next General Conference. We knew that the committee's lack of a budget meant that members would have to pay their own way, but we hoped that meeting in NYC would alleviate some of the financial burden because of its general accessibility. MCC/NY graciously offered to house and feed all the participants, a promise it more than adequately kept. The conference was scheduled for January 13-16, 1983. Registration forms were sent to official committee members, to those who had indicated an interest at the last General Conference, and to all who have corresponded with the committee over the last two years.

Despite the financial hardship, there was reasonable response. (Some members of MCC/NY generously contributed to a travel fund that enabled the Canadian representative to participate.) The following persons actually made it to the conference:

John Ayres (MCC/Holy Covenant)
 Marge Ragona (MCC/Boston)
 Danny Ray (MCC/Dallas)
 Bob Crocker (MCC/NY)
 Dale Burkholder (MCC/Pomona)
 Colleen Darraugh (MCC/Toronto)
 Jim Mitulski, co-chair

Registered but unable to attend at the last minute include:

Terry Lee Sawey (MCC/Kansas City)
 Allen Johnson (MCC/Minneapolis)
 Joseph Gilbert (MCC King of Peace)
 Charles Butler (MCC/DC) (Mr. Butler came the following weekend- confused the dates)

I feel that this is as representative a group as can be assembled between conferences given the present financial constraints.

This is the schedule we observed that week-end:

THURSDAY	January 13	7:00 p.m.	Hymn Sing and Reception for UFMCC Hymnody Committee, sponsored by MCC/NY
FRIDAY	January 14	9:00 a.m.	Sharing about music ministries and commitment to the C'ttee's work.
		10:30 a.m.	Study of the UFMCC inclusive language guidelines, led by Steve Carson, MCC/NY
		1:00 p.m.	Workshop/lecture on 'Hymns and Hymnology' led by Dr. George Litch Knight (past president of the Hymn Society of America) and pastor of Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church (a More Light church).
		3:30 p.m.	Brainstorming about a hymnal for UFMCC; presentation on current trends in denominational hymnals.
SATURDAY	January 15	9 - 1	page-by-page analysis of UFMCC <u>Trial Hymnal</u> ; establishment of style and format guidelines.
		1 - 6	Compilation of new supplement
SUNDAY	January 16	12 - 2	Completion of supplement
		2 - 5	Plans for General Conference

The Committee made the following decisions:

1. Recognizing that many churches in UFMCC are reluctant to use anything but a standard hymnal at this time, we tried to figure ways that hymnals currently in use might be adapted for congregations with some concern for inclusive language. Marge Ragona has been commissioned to prepare a "gender-sensitive" guide to the most popular hymnals (Praise!, Hymns for the Living Church, Hymns for the Family of God, and New Church Hymnal). This survey will rate them for various levels of inclusivity and make suggestions for their use. This pamphlet-sized guide will be bound with the inclusive language guidelines, and will be available in time for Conference.
2. We decided that the current size and shape of the hymnal is awkward and must be changed. The current materials must be re-type-set and future supplements similarly type-set to fit on pages suitable for an 8.5" x 5.5" three ring binder. This will make long-range printing significantly less expensive. Danny Ray has arranged for type-setting at \$20/page.

3. Churches which currently use the Trial Hymnal will not be penalized for doing so and will not have to pay for the new format; they will be supplied with the new hymnals equivalent to the number of Trial Hymnals which they purchased.
4. The Inclusive Language Guidelines are one of the few conference mandates to this committee. After careful study, the trial hymnal was re-examined text-by-text. The committee decided to restore many male pronouns for Jesus, as well as gender-specific words for Jesus, notably 'lord'. A supplement of general hymns was compiled which was designed to have a broader conservative appeal. Effort was made to include more diverse kinds of music--many of the supplemental hymns come from the Black Church tradition, which many felt was not sufficiently represented in the Trial Hymnal. Also, hymn designed to appeal to the special needs of congregations which are demographically lesbian and gay were included (such as Chris Williamson's "Song of the Soul" and Holly Near's "Song to Remember Harvey Milk", and some UFMCC compositions: "We Are the Church Alive" and "Canaan's Land").
5. The committee decided to reconvene next at the General Conference, after the Conference has considered our report and acted upon it in some way.

The Committee will make the following requests from the General Conference:

1. to change the name of the committee to the Commission on Church Music, as a recognition of hymnody's integral role in a broader discipline.
2. approval of the ~~commendations~~ and additions to the Trial Hymnal, and the removal of the word Trial from the title.
3. a travel stipend of \$175/person to enable members of the committee to attend an annual January conference.

The Committee makes the following requests to the Board of Elders:

1. the addition of John Ayres and Marge Ragona as members
2. approval of engraving and printing costs for supplement not to exceed \$4000.

I would like to convey to you that all the work accomplished this weekend was done in a prayerful atmosphere with frequent consultations with the Holy Spirit for patience and guidance. We were proud that a group as diverse as ours, geographically, politically, demographically, and theologically could work together as well as we did.

The committee noted with sadness and some discussion Dick Follett's resignation. I would like to continue as chair with the committee's support, pending your approval, of course. I do not recommend the appointment of co-chairs as I believe it needlessly complicates the purely administrative role of the chair.

Again, if you have any questions, please contact me.

Ji Mitani

SUPPLEMENT TO UFMCC TRIAL HYMNAL

1. "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (to alt. tune: Beecher)
2. "Shall We Gather At the River" (traditional words)
3. "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (trad. words, alt. tune)
4. "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross"
5. "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing"
6. "Now the Day is Over"
7. "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" (formerly 'Jehovah')
8. "Standing In the Need of Prayer"
9. "Down By the Riverside"
10. "Jesus Saves"
11. "Oh, How I Love Jesus!"
12. "Rock of Ages"
13. "I've Got Peace Like a River"
14. "Take the Name of Jesus With You"
15. "There Is a Balm in Gilead"
16. "When We All Get to Heaven"
17. "Christ For the World We Sing"
18. "Count Your Blessings"
19. "Just a Closer Walk With Thee"
20. "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult"
21. "Oh, I Want To Be a Christian, In My Heart" (formerly, "Lord, I....")
22. "My Jesus, I Love Thee"
23. "Near To The Heart of God"
24. "There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood"
25. "Send the Light"
26. "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"
27. "We Are The Church Alive" (pending copyright from MCC/Portland)
28. "Canaan's Land" (copyright authorized by Danny Ray)

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29. "Lead On, O Cloud of Yahweh" (text by Ruth Duck)
30. "Song of the Soul" (text and tune by Chris Williamson)
31. "We Are A Strong and Gentle People" (Song to Remember Harvey Milk)
(text and tune by Holly Near)



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February 13, 1983

TO: The UFMCC Board of Elders

FROM: R. Adam DeBaugh, Co-director, Department of Ecumenical
Relations *RAO*

RE: Report for the February 1983 Elders' meeting

Work in the area of ecumenical relations continues to be time-consuming and productive. You have all received the latest update on the application to the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. as an additional few pages to the information packet "The UFMCC and the NCC," so I won't need to report on the Governing Board meeting last November. There are other developments, however, which you should be aware of.

National Council of Churches: The Faith and Order Commission study is nearing completion. Our delegation to the December theologians' meeting in New York City consisted of the Reverends Don Eastman, Jenny Boyd Bull, and Karen Zeigler, myself, and as consultants Dr. James S. Tinney and the Rev. Paul Abels. That meeting was highly successful and very powerful and you have reports on it.

The Faith and Order Commission meets next in March in San Francisco. Elder Wilson, the Reverends Eastman and Zeigler, and folks from the Bay area will attend that meeting as the Faith and Order Commission completes its report to the Governing Board.

The Governing Board meeting in May in San Francisco will focus on the UFMCC. I will be attending a planning meeting of the Constituent Membership Committee on March 14 in New York to assist in planning for the May Governing Board meeting. We have asked for a lot, including free meeting space in the hotel and other support and I am not sure how the NCC will respond.

The Rev. June Norris represented the UFMCC at a meeting of the Commission on Human Sexuality and Family Ministry and was very well received. Our continued contacts with the NCC on all levels have been extremely beneficial.

Elder Wilson can provide additional information on the status of the NCC application as you require it.

World Council of Churches. The WCC turned us down in our request for delegated observer status at their General Assembly in Vancouver this summer. In discussing the matter with WCC and NCC people, we have come to the conclusion that considering our financial situation right now, it would not be wise to pursue application for membership in the World Council of Churches at this time, nor would it be wise to field a full delegation to the WCC Assembly in Vancouver this year. This is, of

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course, a very difficult decision to make since we had looked forward to participating in the WCC Assembly and in fact had rescheduled our own General Conference to make such participation possible. It must be stressed that the decision of the WCC not to grant us delegated observer status was only part of the decision we recommend. The fact is that with the Fellowship greatly strained financially it would not be possible for us to field a formal delegation (though we could do so as accredited visitors) for a two and a half week long conference in Vancouver.

Therefore, we recommend that local pastors in Vancouver and northwestern United States be empowered by the Elders to visit the conference on a daily basis when possible and report back to us about contacts that are made, discussions and resources they have, and the general experience they share with WCC delegates.

We further recommend that formal application to the World Council of Churches not be made until after the NCCCUSA application has been dealt with.

SAMARITAN EXTENDED STUDIES
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August 8, 1983

The Rev. Jennie Boyd Bull
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Dear Jennie,

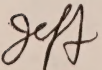
Thanks for all the FFO and other info. I wish I could have participated more in your exciting and productive FFO process in Toronto, but my CCCC and Samaritan responsibilities prohibited that. Please be aware of my continuing interest and support. FFO is one of the most important things we are doing as a Fellowship.

I will be glad to make available to the Fellowship the following FFO materials:

- (1) Resources for Developing a Christian Theology of Sexuality, \$4.00
- (2) The Parallel Chappelle-Wilson Statement of the Doctrine, Sacraments, and Rites of the UFMCC, \$4.00 (I have a copy from Joseph Gilbert, which I can reproduce).
- (3) The original (1976) FFO Questions and Responses, \$1.00.
- (4) Various theses and article reprints as available.

If anyone complains to you about the high cost, remind them that the prices include printing (expensive on a small scale), postage, and handling. It will be a money-losing proposition for Samaritan otherwise.

Warmly.



Jeffrey Pulling



Faith, Fellowship and Order Commission, Rev. Jennie Boyd Bull, Chair

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August 1983

Dear District Coordinator:

The Commission on Faith, Fellowship and Order wants to thank you for your cooperation over the past two years and to inform you of our plans between now and General Conference '85.

- 1- As you know, we passed some procedural resolutions at our recent General Conference that effect district representation.

"FFO representatives shall be elected for two-year terms to end at the district conference immediately following a General Conference. Alternates shall also be elected."

Please place these elections on the agenda of your upcoming district business meeting and inform me of those elected. It is quite appropriate for present representatives to stand for re-election. The commission hopes for some continuity in each district, which is one reason for electing alternates. We also hope you keep in mind the need for Third World representation on the Commission.

- 2- There are three workshops planned by FFO for presentation at the district level in the coming two years, to be offered in the following order:

- * 1-) BCFIII: Study questions for a Christian Theology of Sexuality. (two hours)
(If this has not already been offered in your district.)
- 2-) BCFIV: Vocabularies of Faith and Sexuality. (2-4 hours, as arranged with your reps.)
To be available beginning October '83.
- 3-) BCFV : Uniting Our Whole Selves With God. (two hours, available beginning May '84)

Please work directly with your FFO representatives in helping them to schedule these workshops, not only at district conferences, but at the local and "area" levels as well.

- 3- We are requesting that each district budget funding for round-trip transportation of representatives to one FFO meeting, to be held in the middle of the U.S. sometime in May or June of '84. We thank you for your generous financial assistance in the past, without which the work of our Commission would not be possible.

FFO representatives have the following responsibilities:

1. Maintain communication with the chair, the other district FFO reps and alternates, and the District Coordinator/WCE Area Director.
2. Lead FFO workshops at district conferences, as well as locally and in "areas". scheduling with district and local leaders as appropriate.
3. Maintain working relationship with Samaritan Extended Studies for resources in district or extension area.
4. Gather materials from local churches for district and Fellowship input and communicate and Fellowship resources to the local level.
5. Attend FFO Commission meeting in May or June of '84, other working meetings as possible, and pre-Conference '85 meeting in Sacramento.
6. Work toward developing an ongoing grass roots educational structure in the district, in coordination with FFO, Samaritan, district or extension leadership, and local resources.

In Grace and Truth,

Jennie Boyd Bull,
Chair

JBB: hls
cc: FFO Representatives

* BCF - Basic in Christian Faith

FFO's Process and Future Planning: A Report from the July 1983 PreConference Meeting, Toronto, Canada

At crucial times in Christian history, the Holy Spirit has worked through perceived conflict in our faith lives to bring wholeness and healing to a people. Examples of this are the Protestant Reformation, the Great Wesleyan Revivals of the 1700's, the ordination of women, and the founding of MCC in 1968. Similarly, the Holy Spirit worked through conflicts and concerns at General Conference in 1981 to mandate that FFO engage in grassroots research and analysis of issues in our Faith Statement, and in the development of study questions towards a Christian theology of sexuality.

The FFO has begun an exciting journey in fulfillment of the mandate. As a community of faith, we have taken our first steps in this journey; crucial steps as we move forward into previously unexplored territory for this Fellowship and the whole of Christianity.

Confirming signposts have been placed along the way: The excitement of our districts as they participated in our grassroots effort, the commitment of people involved in the work, and the enthusiasm of the National Council of Churches for our work and our process toward a Christian theology of sexuality.

At this stage of our journey, we would like to share with you those first steps we have taken, what we have learned, plans for the continuation of the process, and our visions for the future.

First Steps

Our mandate called us to hold in tension our faith tradition and our personal sexuality. In Workshop I, we began to explore our personal, spiritual and sexual experiences upon which a Christian theology of sexuality must be based.

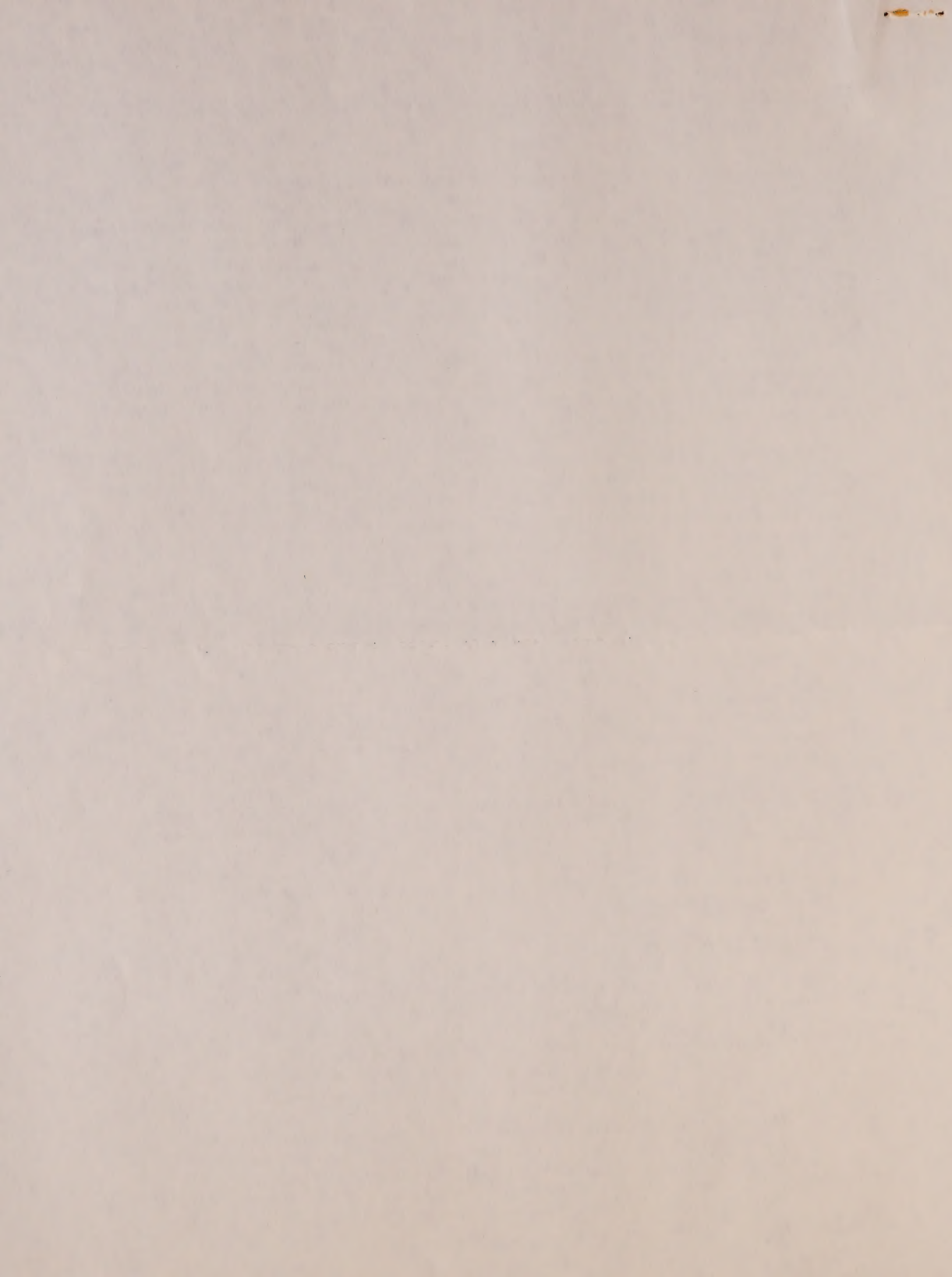
In Workshop II, we began to explore our personal faith statements in an essential step toward the development of a Fellowship Statement of Faith.

In Workshop III, we began to gather study questions for a Christian theology of sexuality.

What We Have Learned

With these preliminary steps providing a grassroots theological foundation, we have learned the following:

1. Responses from all corners of the Fellowship indicate that our Statement of Faith is acceptable to people at present, and there is no need to make changes at this time.
2. Through the workshop process, it has become apparent to us that theological debate has focused on two primary areas of linguistic change in the 1981 Statement of Faith:
 - (a) Language for and images of the First Person of the Trinity.
 - (b) Language for and images of Jesus Christ.



3. Throughout the Fellowship, developing questions on Christian sexuality has been approached with much enthusiasm, creativity and commitment to the process. To date, 6 out of 15 reporting Districts and World Church Extension Areas have submitted study questions. While 249 questions have been received, we feel strongly that each district must supply their questions before proceeding in the development of overall study questions which would reflect both the diversity and the intuitive similarity of concerns revealed in the questions received thus far. The variety of the present questions has shown that our vocabularies regarding faith and sexuality need to be studied and shared in ways that expand our expressions and free us from the limiting images that traditions, geographic regions, and individual experiences have imposed.

Plans for the Continuation of the Process

Along with the continuation of the formation of study questions in Workshop III, future workshops are being developed in the areas of vocabularies of faith and sexuality along with a prayer exercise geared to the uniting of our whole selves with God.

We are also planning to continue to submit monthly articles to Journey Magazine by FFO representatives and are exploring the possibility of a special issue on vocabularies of faith and sexuality in Journey.

Our next meeting in May, 1984 will focus on the formation of study questions for a Christian Theology of Sexuality and will explore how we are doing theology as a Fellowship in this process.

Visions for the Future of FFO

- a theology of health and wholeness
- a theology of suffering
- a Christian sexual ethic: freedom and responsibility
- language and images for Jesus Christ
- a theology for an oppressed people

FFO RESOLUTIONS TO GENERAL CONFERENCE 1983, Toronto, Canada

1. FFO representatives shall be elected for two year terms to end at the District Conference immediately following a General Conference. Alternates shall also be elected. At General Conference 1985, the Chair of FFO shall be elected by the General Conference from among the lay and clergy representatives to FFO, to serve for a four year term. The Commission will serve as a nominating committee for this process. An Assistant Chair may be appointed by the Chair from among the representatives with the approval of the commission.
2. If the GSS proposal for Regions is approved: Two lay and two clergy representatives will be elected by each region (at least one from each nation with a church body in the region, as feasible), with area lay and clergy representatives accountable to regional conferences and selected at the discretion of each region to reflect the diversity of the region (gender, race, theology, ethnic background, nationality, etc.). World Church Extension areas would also select two lay and two clergy representatives. This 28 member commission plus chair and Samaritan advisors would meet at least once a year. The Faith, Fellowship and Order Commission would be retained as a standing committee in the UFMCC By-Laws.
3. FFO notes with regret the absence of Black MCCers as representatives from any District, and encourages Districts to consider racial inclusivity in their upcoming October conference elections of FFO representatives. Until racial representation improves, FFO moves that the Task Force on Third World Ministries select a lay and clergy representative as members of FFO.



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FAITH, FELLOWSHIP AND ORDER COMMISSION MINUTES
Toronto, Canada July 8-9, 1983

Absent

Rev. Jennie Boyd Bull, Chair
Rev. Joseph Gilbert, S.E. District
Rev. Clarence Crossman, E. Canada
Mr. Jack Hubbs, N.W. District
Mr. Ted Lincoln, S.E. District
Rev. Pepper Shields, S.W. District
Mr. Chuck Russell, S.W. District
Ms. Sally Sumrall, S.C. District
Rev. Marianne Van Fossen, Mid-Atl. District
Ms. Carol Ann Kyrias, Grt. Lks. District
Rev. Betty Pederson, N.W. District
Ms. Michelle Carmody, W. Canada
Rev. Candace Adams, M.C. District
Rev. Bern David, Hispanic WCE
Ms. B.J. Couvion, M.C. District
Rev. Jo Crisco, S.C. District
Ms. Wendy Trachtenberg, W. Canada
Mr. Bob Bruso, N.E. District

Rev. Marge Ragona, N.E. District
Mr. Eric Browning, Mid-Atl. District
Ms. Victoria Landes, S. Atl. District
Rev. Patrick Kader, Grt. Lks. District
Rev. Jimmy Brock, S. Atl. District
Rev. Phillip Speranza, W. Canada
Mr. Graham Caldwell, S. Australia
Mr. Jesus Maisonet, Hispanic WCE

Advisors

Rev. Sherre Boothman, Samaritan Educational Center
Rev. Jeffrey Pulling, Samaritan Extended Studies

The meeting was opened in prayer by Rev. Jennie Boyd Bull at 9:20 AM.

Added to our original agenda were the following items:

- 1- Organization of FFO workshops during General Conference
- 2- Organization of FFO Conference Fair display booth
- 3- Revision and presentation of FFO revised budget to Fellowship Finance Committee

DISTRICT REPORTS:(Verbal)

Southeast District: Rev. Gilbert and Mr. Lincoln report that Basics of Christian Faith III was attended by 24 persons in their district. They declined to use that part of the workshop that dealt with sexual brokenness and restoration. One recurring question theme they had among their participants was: "Why are MCC clergy not 'good' role models?" This question and those like it exposed a lot of nerve endings that they feel this Commission may need to question further, in some way.

Northeast District: Mr. Bruso reports that this district is supportive as a whole of the FFO workshops, parts I and II. Part III has not been given yet. That the Northeast District is satisfied with the Statement of Faith as is and that any changes would ultimately be divisive. They declined to make a consensus statement because it would only mirror the Fellowship original statement.

However, they suggested that there be a Third World appointment to the FFO Commission because as it is now the workshop documents are class limited. That if we are looking for real grass roots input we need to humanize our approach. They felt the current formats needed adjustments in language, that the current structure was too limited, the presentation of material almost stacked to get expected responses of where we are really coming from. That people need to see the individual statements to get a complete picture.

Rev. Boyd Bull stated that the Commission was aware of the non-representation of a Third World member, that this was not a case of deliberate racism, but of institutional racism and that in her report from this Commission she is recommending that the Board of Elders make a Third World appointment to this group.

Eastern Canada:

Rev. Crossman reports that the lay representative in his district has resigned and that there will be new elections at District Conference in October '83. He stated that there is not much change in his district since his report in November, but that there is still a negative taste and a sense of frustration left over from the first time around, so he has not done part III yet. He feels that the dissatisfaction may be a stumbling block created by having to look at themselves intimately and then share those personal things with others.

The question was raised as to whether or not he thought these difficulties were cultural. Rev. Crossman said he didn't think so, it was just hard to relate to strangers. and that the congregations in his district had "their own ideas of how they should be involved".

Northwest District: Mr. Hubbs reported that those who participated liked Basics of Christian Faith, part I, a lot. Their main concern was that there wasn't enough time allowed. They would have liked the discussion to go longer. They felt in part II when they came to a consensus, that their agreed definitions were too 'sur-facy' and that they really didn't say anything. He felt that because Elder Wilson had presented her workshop on a "Vocabulary of Faith" shortly before his meeting, that was a good catalyst to getting people to see that they agreed on essentials. The point was made to see if we couldn't write our own workshop on a Vocabulary of Faith to implement part II.

In part III he felt the questioning of the clergy was really people questioning themselves; that there was a lot of that in San Francisco now with the AIDS epidemic in its current status. There are people there who are convinced that God is punishing them and we need to reach out in some way.

Rev. Boyd Bull commented that this Commission needs to look at what AIDS is doing to our spirituality as a Fellowship. Carol Ann Kyrias from the Great Lakes District offered her expertise on AIDS and STD's to all members of the Commission as she works at a clinic that specializes in those areas and she can get any information needed.

Southwest District: Mr. Chuck Russell and Rev. Pepper Shields report that FFO work has been difficult with the constant turnover in their representatives. They had a district conference in November and workshops were not offered. They were unable to get both workshops scheduled at their next conference either. What they have opted to do is to present the workshops at various individual churches as possible within the district. (see written report received.) Where workshop III was done they had lots of interest and input. They offered three new categories of questions to be considered:

- 1) Sexual nature of God or God's relationship to/with sexuality
- 2) Ethics for AIDS and STD's
- 3) Pastoral Caring (inclusive of sexuality)

They also offered suggestions for a necessity of further breakdown of categories in the original study questions and suggested we write a preamble that would further justify the existence of this Commission.

Southcentral District:

Ms. Sally Sumerall and Rev. Jo Crisco state that their terms run through May 1984; that there is no change in information given to this Commission in November on workshops I and II. Workshop III was given by Rev. Crisco at their Fall Conference and was attended by 75 to 80 people but all information was not available. The general attitude in this district when FFO is the subject is "moan and groan, don't mention FFO". Sally pointed out that there was an error in the current printing of the second purpose question and that we need to correct it to read in its original form of: How does Jesus Christ in resurrection...etc. This correction was accepted by the Commission.

Rev. Crisco said that the majority of questions received from her district dealt with Christian Moral Ethics and that most people felt that the answers should come from the pulpit and the scriptures, not this Commission. One question in particular they felt was important was: What is fornication and adultery within our society?

They report that while the enthusiasm is low in this district for FFO, that they are aware that their input is necessary and vital and that we will receive input from the Southcentral District throughout the FFO process. Discussion followed again along the lines of a vocabulary of Faith necessity, and the use of "buzz" words in the current workshops and just the different perspectives on theology within the Commissions and the districts.

Mid-Atlantic District:

Rev. Van Fossen reports that all three workshops have been presented in this district. The feeling that FFO is extremely important is high in her area. In workshop III monogamy was a big question for women, along with a major concern and questions of "How is God involved in sexuality?". She also turned in a written report to the Chair of this Commission.

Great Lakes District:

Carol Ann Kyrias reports that workshops I and II were given at district conference in May of '83. The participants liked part I but saw no connection with part II. The people within this district are non-committal, but the District Coordinator is very supportive. There was no consensus on any term in part II; there was lots of lively discussion but no total agreement. She feels that part III is very likely to be supported as well and she will schedule it as soon as possible.

Western Canada:

Michelle Carmody reports that because she has moved from the area a new representative has been elected, Wendy Trachtenberg. This district has done workshops I and III together because they are related and make more sense that way. The main questions in part III are: Why is MCC in existence?, and Is there a double standard between what clergy do and what lay people do?

This district suggests perhaps a third graph for emotional growth and the use of legal sized paper for more space in workshop I. They also report the District Coordinator to be supportive of FFO.

Mid-Central District:

Ms. B.J. Couvion and Rev. Candace Adams report that part III has not been presented yet. Part II was presented at district conference in May 1983 and that a consensus was reached up until they got to salvation, at which point they bogged down and could get no further. What seems to work best in this district is personal visitations to individual churches and study groups. Of the 18 churches within this district nine have participated in parts I & II. Scheduling is being considered now for completion of I and II and beginning part III. The average attendance in each place visited has been about 10% of registered membership. Acceptance and enthusiasm runs high in this district and a recent change in District Coordinator does not seem to be a problem.

Rev. Boyd Bull states that only the South Atlantic District is not represented at this meeting. None of the workshops have been presented in any World Church Extension area to date. FFO has no representation in the United Kingdom and Europe at this time. Translation has been a problem in some areas.

Rev. Gilbert suggests we begin looking at a theology for terminally ill people within this Fellowship. This would include the elderly and those suffering from AIDS as well. Carol Ann Kyrias says Good Shepherd Parish in Chicago is already working on a theology of AIDS. The suggestion following was why not broaden the scope to a theology of suffering. Discussion followed.

The next part of the meeting dealt with the mechanics of General Conference and assigning people from the Commission to do things in the coming week. After some discussion it was agreed that we would not present part II of the workshop here, because as a whole there is no desire to change the current Statement of Faith. It was advised that no visual/audio set would be at our Commission fair booth because it had not been done. There would be no T-Shirts either. Details were given by Rev. Gilbert regarding the Friday night services sponsored by this Commission.

The Budget Committee was assigned to come up with a "wish list" and we adjourned for lunch.

Meeting reconvened with prayer by Rev. Boyd Bull.

Rev. Bern David seated and introduced by the Chair. Rev. David reports that one of the reasons there have been no workshops done in his area is because mail between Mexico and the USA is extremely slow and by the time he got the paperwork the deadline for completion had passed. He also states that not having the work translated is another drawback that we need to look at seriously. He also explained that we may need to re-write the workshops so they will be more relevant to his people. We need to realize that his congregants come from a different socio-economic background and that the current workshops don't reach them where they are right now.

Budget Committee Wish List:

\$1500.00	Paid Consultants
500.00	Resource Materials
500.00	Translation
500.00	Meeting Expenses
300.00	Travel for Chair
300.00	Printing
1000.00	Reproduce Study, Questions
100.00	Office Supplies
700.00	Telephone
250.00	Postage
<u>\$5650.00</u>	

Bare Bones Budget:

\$500.00	Translation
125.00	Postage
100.00	Phone
100.00	Resources
400.00	Consultants
600.00	Travel for Chair
<u>\$1825.00</u>	

There was discussion of another meeting somewhere in the central United States next Spring. Chicago and Kansas City were mentioned but no decision was made because there was talk of a laity working conference in late 1985 in a central location also. There is also the possibility of a Central Clergy Conference in addition to Eastern and Western clergy conferences.

Discussion followed of Jennie Boyd Bull's resolutions as presented in the Commission report in the delegate packages. All were accepted after minor amendments.

A question was raised whether or not we have answered the original mandate. After lengthy discussion a committee was appointed to write up a clarifying statement of what we see now and report back to the Commission at tomorrow's meeting for approval of this document as an addenda to our existing report to this General Conference.

By consensus it was agreed that we label all papers so far as PRELIMINARY and that we continue to tabulate results on Basics of Christian Faith I for the next two years. We also need to look at some kind of workshop that would make connection between words and images and their subsequent emotional reactions. For example, the word meditation meant contemplative prayer to some districts and VOODOO to others.

Comments were made that we need to be as exact as possible in our recording of data received because we are dealing with some of the underlying history of this Fellowship.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM

The second day of meetings was called to order with prayer at 9:10 AM

Rev. Van Fossen read the clarifying statement that was requested by the Commission. It was accepted unanimously by acclamation.

The budget committee states that it looks like the Fellowship will continue on an austerity budget until next General Conference and it doesn't look like we'll get any increases, but they will approach the Fellowship Finance Committee at the appropriate time during the week.

Rev. Boyd Bull says that Basics of Christian Faith III has been offered in only six out of 18 areas, with 250 plus study questions received so far. A synopsis of representative questions was made of these six areas. After lengthy discussion it was decided that our data is too incomplete to pick study questions as we had intended to for presentation at this Conference. We need to hear from more districts to be able to choose truly representational questions.

Future workshops were discussed. There is a need for study and development of workshops dealing with a vocabulary of Faith, and a vocabulary of sexuality; workshops dealing with God images and Christ images; work is needed in areas of a theology for oppressed people, a theology of suffering, a theology of health and wholeness, and dealing with Christian Sexual Ethics, among others.

The Commission requested another clarifying statement be made as to what our future plans are, to be added to the way we see things now.

We adjourned for lunch and then split into small groups until 3:30 PM.

Rev. Van Fossen now presented a general statement of where we are and where we see ourselves going, to be added to the FFO report of the floor at General Conference. This was accepted.

Sally Summerall and Michele Carmody presented a working paper for BCF V. They will present a completed workshop this winter. Their outline was accepted. This workshop deals with the concept of wholeness.

An executive committee was selected to act as expeditors. Members of the committee are Rev. Jennie Boyd Bull, Rev. Clarence Crossman, Rev. Betty Pederson, and Ms. B.J. Couvion. This committee will meet during the Commission Fair exhibit.

Rev. Boyd Bull and Rev. Shields will continue working on BCF IV, which deals with vocabularies of Faith and sexuality.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

ADDENDAS:

B.J. Couvion will handle minutes and mailing of materials.

Betty Pederson will handle working papers of '84 meetings.

Clarence Crossman will handle Journey articles.

Jennie Boyd Bull will handle workshops and is Liason to the National Council of Churches Comm.

Written reports were received from the following districts and are available through B.J. Couvion.

Southeast, South-Central, Mid-Atlantic. Western Canada, Southwest, and South Atlantic



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September 2, 1983

TO: All Pastors & Congregations of U.F.M.C.C.

FROM: The Board of Elders

RE: Fellowship Sunday

In the U.F.M.C.C. Liturgical Calendar, the Sunday nearest October 6 is designated "Fellowship Sunday" to commemorate the founding of M.C.C. on October 6, 1968. Fellowship Sunday in 1983 is October 9th, the 15th anniversary of the founding of M.C.C..

This year we are offering some special materials for the celebration of Fellowship Sunday. Included in these materials is the revised version of "WHY WE ARE A FELLOWSHIP", and sample worship ideas.

For your convenience, we will also be sending you enough copies of a letter from Rev. Elder Troy Perry along with return envelopes for use in your worship service. (You can order additional copies of "WHY WE ARE A FELLOWSHIP" by calling the Fellowship offices today.)

By the way, we are working on a U.F.M.C.C. Church Calendar for late 1983 through 1984, including liturgical dates, meeting dates for Conferences, Commissions, Committees and Board meetings. We expect to have the calendar ready by October.

Some of our suggestions are:

Have a special Fellowship Sunday Worship Service, (see enclosed sample worship ideas) and take a love offering for the work of the Fellowship.

Invite a District Coordinator, Elder or Chair or members of a U.F.M.C.C. Commission, Board or Department (see Directory for phone numbers or addresses) to visit your Church for a weekend of Spiritual Renewal, or workshops on important Fellowship concerns.

Plan a time of sharing of up-to-date information on how people can participate in Fellowship concerns and ministries (for such information see the enclosed brochure, or write to the Fellowship offices.)

Plan a get together (formal or informal) with another Metropolitan Community Church in your District, including if possible, visiting one another's Churches.

Plan a special day of outreach (including use of the media) to share with the wider community about the origins, growth and ministry of the Universal Fellowship.

Plan a day of sharing with a non-Metropolitan Community Church in your area (perhaps the Church you rent from) about the ministry of the Universal Fellowship, about ministry to gay men and lesbians, and ecumenical cooperation.

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Plan a fund raiser for a special Fellowship Ministry (World Church Extension, Third World Ministries, "God, Gays & The Gospel: This Is Our Story," Special Ministries, Spritiitual Life and Clergy Care, the Board of Pensions, etc.)

In honor of the Fellowship's anniversary, undertake some new local ministry.

And when you've done whatever you do, take some pictures, and send a story about it to Journey magazine.

God bless, and Happy Fellowship Sunday!!!!

Grace & Peace

Reverend Elder Nancy Wilson
Clerk, Board of Elders

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY 1983

October 9, 1983 is FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY, the Fifteenth Anniversary of MCC. Each year the Sunday nearest October 6 is designated as Fellowship Sunday to commemorate the founding of MCC, October 6, 1968.

The following suggested worship service was compiled by Dr. Jeffrey Pulling, Dean of Samaritan Extended Studies, Hartford, Connecticut. The theme of the service is "BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING." All of the suggested materials and music are original MCC compositions.

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY WORSHIP

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

October 9, 1983

* indicates that the congregation should stand

WE GATHER AND PREPARE OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Singspiration

Prelude and Meditation

Welcome

*Proclamation of Worship

Leader: "Blessed be the God and Source of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Provider of compassion and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God." (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

People: We praise and thank our loving God. We offer ourselves to be instruments of God's compassion and comfort to others.

Leader: As God told Abraham and Sarah, so God tells us, "Go forth . . . and I will make of you a great people. I will bless you . . . so that you will be a blessing." (Genesis 12:1-2)

People: We praise our God for blessing us. We thank our God for making us into a blessing for others.

*Hymn of Praise, "The Church Alive" by Jack St. John (see attachment)

*Prayer of Invocation

Announcements

GOD COMES TO US

Prayer Hymn - "O Holy One of Israel" by Lisa Berry

tune: St. Theodulph, "All Glory, Laud and Honor" (No. 249 in HYMNS FOR THE FAMILY OF GOD)

- (1) O Holy One of Israel, who saved the Hebrew tribes,
And then for our salvation, was mocked and crucified,
You still are working through us, as back in Moses' day,
To bring to liberation, to all in every way.
- (2) Your sons, once locked to power, now struggle to be free,
To love and soothe and comfort, and show humanity.
That which was so fragmented, now yearns to be made whole.
Your being fully blends them; we hunger for that goal.

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- (3) Your daughters need their freedom to grow with men apace,
In strength and pow'r and wholeness, and take their rightful place.
In fullness of your Spirit, affirming as a whole,
That we are in your image, in body, mind and soul.
- (4) So as a people joyous, united now are we,
Proclaiming loud your greatness, in all humanity.
As we are all your offspring, we rally 'cross the lands,
To bring to understanding, that we as equals stand.

Prayers of the Congregation, Prayers of Thanks and Concern

The Lord's Prayer (sung or spoken by the congregation)

Anthem/Special Music (optional)

Old Testament Reading - Zechariah 8:7-13 (New International Version, inclusive editing)

This is what the Eternal Almighty says: "I will save my people from the countries of the east and the west. I will bring them back to live in Jerusalem. They will be my people, and I will be faithful and righteous to them as their God."

This is what the Eternal Almighty says: "You who now hear these words spoken by the prophets who were there when the foundation was laid for the house of the Eternal Almighty, let your hands be strong so that the temple may be built. Before that time there were no wages for human or beast. No one could go about their business safely because of their enemies, for I had turned everyone against their neighbors. But now I will not deal with the remnant of this people as I did in the past," declares the Eternal Almighty.

"The seed will grow well, the vine will yield its fruit, the ground will produce its crops, and the heavens will drop their dew. I will give all these things as an inheritance to the remnant of this people. As you have been an object of cursing among the nations, O Judah and Israel, so will I now save you, and you will be a blessing. Do not be afraid, but let your hands be strong."

New Testament Reading - John 15:9-21 (NIV, inclusive editing)

"As God has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed God's commands and remain in God's love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that you lay down your life for your friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because servants do not know their master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I have learned from my beloved God I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last. Then God will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command: love each other.

"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. Remember the words I spoke to you: 'No servant is greater than their master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the One who sent me."

*Hymn - "I'm Bit Afraid Anymore" by Michael Mank

- (1) The Teacher came to Earth to show the way of life;
His peace he brought from heav'n above
That all might walk in light.
One time my soul was grieved, grace was denied to me.
But then Christ's message of love I heard;
Now I have been set free.

(Refrain) I'm not afraid anymore! I'm not afraid anymore!
God's message is for all the world,
Salvation is for ev'ryone,
What's bound on Earth is bound in Heav'n.

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Praise the Lord! I'm not afraid anymore!

- (2) My friend, do you now feel God has denied you here,
With burdens of this life you lead
Bound up in guilt and fear?
The Savior, he has said, "Come unto me and rest."
Accept this gift of love, my friend,
With him you shall be blessed.

- (3) "Christ Jesus did not come his love with all to share."
I listened to these words of those
Who really did not care.
But now I am convinced God has prepared the way
For all who trust in Jesus' word.
Believing, they shall say:

SERMON (For sermon ideas see the article BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING by Dr. Pulling in the August/September issue of JOURNEY magazine.)

Pastoral Prayer

Let us pray:

Loving God, you have gathered us together and made yourself known to us. Speak through our tongues, act through our hands, that you may be better known in this world, that your will of justice and love be done, that people may be healed and attain the wholeness for which you created them.

God, we pray for our church, MCC, and for our ministry in this world. We pray for our Elders who lead, guide and administer our larger Fellowship of churches. We unite in prayer for our Founder and Moderator, Troy Perry . . . We pray for Elder Freda Smith in Sacramento, California . . . We pray for Elder Nancy Wilson in Los Angeles, California . . . We pray for Elder Michael Mank in San Francisco, California . . . We pray for Elder Jean White in London, England . . . We pray for Elder Jeri Ann Harvey in Los Angeles, California . . . And we pray for Elder Don Eastman in Dallas, Texas. We pray for the District Coordinator of our..... District, of

We pray for MCC's all across the U.S. and Canada, in Mexico, in England, in Denmark, in Australia, in New Zealand, in Nigeria, and in Liberia.

Loving God, move in every one of our local congregations. Move in the life of everyone of our members, to heal us and equip us for our ministry.

We are yours, God. Teach us. Fill us. Use us. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Silent Reflection and Self-Examination

Assurance of Forgiveness

The witness of the Psalmist is this:

"God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's steadfast love toward those who hold God in awe. As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our transgressions from us." (Psalm 103:10-12).

My sisters and brothers, if God is for us, what does it matter if anyone or anything is against us? Accept the fact that you are accepted, and live accordingly.

***Sharing God's Love and Peace** (through whatever informal gesture and words are appropriate)

Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

Offertory Anthem/Special Music (optional)

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*Presentation of Offering with Doxology

tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen, "All Creatures of Our God and King" (No. 347 in HYMNS FOR THE FAMILY OF GOD)

Praise God the Source of all we know.
Praise Jesus Christ in whom we grow.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise to the Holy Spirit Give,
That we with God in love may live.
O praise God! O praise God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE AMONG US – HOLY COMMUNION

Open Invitation

In MCC we celebrate an open Communion. This is Christ's table, not our table. And Christ Jesus invites to this meal all who will come to him. We remember the words of Jesus when he said, "I am the bread of life; those who come to me shall not hunger, and those who have faith in me shall not thirst. All that God gives me will come to me, and those who come to me I will not turn away." (John 6:35,37)

"Sursum Corda" ("Lift Up Your Hearts")

Leader: God is with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them up to our loving and liberating God.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the One who called our church into being and who continues to call us to be the people of God.
People: It is right to give to God thanks and praise.
Leader: Yes, it is right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to God. Let us join all creation in singing the holiness of our Savior.

"Sanctus" ("Holy")

tune: Holy, Holy, "Holy, Holy" (No. 149 in HYMNS FOR THE FAMILY OF GOD)

Holy, holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy our blessed Savior.
O, we bring our lives before you, and serve you with all we are.
Holy, holy, holy, holy.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Spirit of God, Spirit of life and power, come upon us assembled here this day. Come upon this bread and this fruit of the vine, that in this Holy Communion we may partake of the Body and Blood of Christ Jesus. As we share together in this meal, may we be made one with Christ, and Christ with us, that we might actually become the Body of Christ in the world today. Come, Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in you. Amen.

Affirmation of Our Faith

Leader: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.
People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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Blessing and Invitation

The Body and Blood of Christ Jesus were given for you. May this meal which Christ has prepared strengthen and preserve you unto eternal life. The gifts of God for the people of God. Come and share.

Sharing the Sacrament

Prayer of Thanksgiving

WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE AND TO LIVE FULLY

*Hymn of Commitment, "Our God Is Like An Eagle" by Larry Bernier

tune: Webb, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" (No. 616 in HYMNS FOR THE FAMILY OF GOD)

- (1) When Israel camped in Sinai, then Moses heard from God:
"This message tell the people, and give them this my word:
From Egypt I was with you, and carried on my wing;
The whole of your great nation from slav'ry I did bring."
- (2) "Just as a mother eagle who helps her young to fly,
I am a Mother to you; your needs I will supply.
And you are as my children, my own who hear my voice.
I am a Mother to you, the people of my choice."
- (3) If God is like an eagle who helps her young be free,
And God is also Father, then what of you and me?
We have no fear of labels; we have no fear of roles.
If God's own being blends them, we seek the selfsame goal.
- (4) Our God is not a woman; our God is not a man.
Our God is both and neither; our God is "I Who Am."
From all the roles that bind us, our God has set us free.
What freedom does God give us? The freedom just to be.

*Benediction

Remember that you are blessed so that you may *be* a blessing. May God's love be with you and be seen in you this day, this week, and always. Go in peace. Go in the name of the Eternal God - God beyond us, God beside us, God within us. Amen.

THE CHURCH ALIVE!

words and music by Jack St. John

additional words by David M. Pelletier

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The
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Today

2 the first General Conference of the young church. There were representatives from MCCs in San Diego, San Francisco, Chicago and Los Angeles. It was the beginning of a world-wide ministry. The Rev. John Hose, one of the four elected to the first administrative board, the Board of Elders, was to say in his keynote address, "Is not the single goal, the single purpose of ALL churches (and, indeed, God's purpose) to improve human relationships? The centrality of love as the positive dynamic in all human relationships is generally presupposed. I believe we need to strive mightily to convince all humankind that LOVE and JUSTICE are synonomous. *We have become separate members of the Body of Christ out of necessity, because that Body has strayed from demonstrating that all human beings need not only to be loved, but need to be dealt with justly!*"

One year later 18 congregations sent representatives to the second General Conference, also held in Los Angeles. In 1972 more than 40 congregations sent delegates to the third General Conference, again held in Los Angeles. In 1973 sixty congregations met in Atlanta, Georgia. The Board of Elders was expanded from four members to seven and along with Rev. Perry and Rev. Hose, Rev. Richard Ploen, Rev. Jim Sandmire, Rev. John Gill, Rev. Richard Vincent and the first woman, Rev. Freda Smith were elected to its membership.

The Faith, Fellowship and Order Commission was established at this conference for the purpose of studying the doctrine and ministry of the Fellowship. It was ordered to report to the 1976 General Conference.

A THEOLOGY FROM THE PEOPLE

That report, developed from the "grassroots" of the church -- women and men, lay people and clergy from the United States, Great Britain, Canada and Australia -- was presented to the 1976 General Conference and published in the Winter 1976 *In Unity/Gay Christian*, the news and opinion journal of the Universal Fellowship.

The report explained "theology" as a never ending task, using human concepts and human words which are always changing. But the basic truth and faith behind theology remain the same. The task of theology is to explain our faith and message to the people in terms they can understand.

The report explained that the theological task of the Universal Fellowship is to determine the implications of God's universal love as that applies to our church's life and ministry, and to determine the implications of God's revealing that message through a church composed of worshiping communities constituted primarily of gay Christians.

The report, which was an interim report scheduled for more work and study between the 1976 and 1977 General Conferences, defined the community to which MCC is called to minister: "It is likely for the foreseeable future that our congregations may be largely gay and lesbian in composition. This is congruent with our call and our beginnings. But also congruent with our call is the fact that we exist for the world. Our very existence is a prophetic witness to the world and to the Church. To seek to serve only the gay community is not only a misunderstanding of our call; it is

- 4 also a misunderstanding of our humanity. We must learn to discard our limiting categories for human persons and recognize that in Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, straight nor gay.”

In bringing the Gospel into focus in order to meet the needs of the community, the report says, we must embrace with a sense of certainty the knowledge that the Spirit is indeed about a “new thing” in our history. “We can simply listen to the Spirit, who still speaks in the church, and respond, enriching our lives and those of the community we serve. To do so is to rediscover the power of Pentecost. To fail to do so is to relegate ourselves to irrelevancy. This can be done through worship and a flexible dynamic approach to education; through structuring an environment in which community and personhood may flourish; through assuming a stance of advocacy for all oppressed peoples; through exploring honestly and developing our understanding of ethics and lifestyle in relationship to the Gospel; through serving the pluralistic community around us in love and care.”

The unique *emphasis* of MCC is dealing with human sexuality openly and honestly as Jesus did. “MCC recognizes that God fully intended for human beings to be human and sexual and that sexuality should be an integral part of the wholeness of a fully human person. But our sexuality is not and should not be the focal point of our lives. MCC emphasizes that everything in our life, including our sexuality, must center on our relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ. This God becomes relevant in Jesus who related to Samaritans (foreigners), women (who were considered inferior), lepers (social outcasts), sinners (supposedly rejected by God), and other rejected elements of society.”

EMPHASIS ON CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION

From the beginning, Christian Social Action has been an involvement of great importance to many MCC members, including its founder, Rev. Perry.

In the late 1960's and throughout the 1970's, Troy Perry led marches, promoted demonstrations, staged sit-ins and fasted in public to advance the cause of gay rights. As times changed, Rev. Perry and MCC members became active in additional approaches to gaining freedom from the oppression they felt had long been laid on gay people. For example, the moral strength and united effort of MCC in California is felt by many to have been a major factor in the Passage of the gay rights bill in that state's assembly in 1975, sponsored by Willie Brown and signed into law by Governor Edmund Brown, Jr.

The Universal Fellowship opened the first gay information office in Washington, D.C. in 1975. In 1976 MCC joined with leaders of the gay community from all segments of the United States to establish the National Gay Rights Lobby in Washington. Rev. James Sandmire, an Elder of the Fellowship, was elected to the thirty-member Board of Directors, along with other MCC members.

In 1977 Rev. Perry fasted to raise \$100,000 to begin the fight against the "Briggs Initiative" which became "Proposition 6" in the State of California. That proposition would have required the firing of openly gay teachers and their supporters. It was one of the most repressive pieces of legislation to ever be introduced in the United States. Rev. Perry led the fight to defeat the proposition – and it *was* defeated in November of 1978.

Adam DeBaugh, chair of the Fellowship Department on Christian Social Action and Co-director of the Department of Ecumenical Relations, states in the *Workbook* of that commission, "It will be wise to avoid partisan politics. I feel MCC can best serve in a prophetic role politically, speaking the truth as we are led to understand it about the social issues that are close to us. This is a role that will not involve the church in the day by day nitty-gritty of political maneuvering. We should, however, support those brothers and sisters in our midst who do want to become involved in the political sphere, for they are performing an important service for our community of faith.

"Because of our history and our make-up at this time in the life of our denomination, our primary thrust in Christian Social Action must be a human rights one, especially civil rights for gay and lesbian people, while at the same time dealing with racism and sexism in whatever form they may appear in our midst."

These same goals and programs are implemented appropriately by MCC congregations in countries other than the United States who have their own set of political conditions within which to operate.

In this day of theological debate and sociological struggle with the status of women in a number of Christian denominations and Jewish communities, it is significant to note that the Universal Fellowship is committed to eradicating sexism in its theology, structure and language, as well as in its relationships between women and men. At the 1981 General Conference, UFMCC passed specific guidelines for the use of inclusive language in its worship and life.

A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

Guided by this self image of its life and ministry, MCC has spread out around the world with nearly 200 congregations, 185 clergy, hundreds of very active lay people, and close to 30,000 members, friends and adherents. In addition, it has developed models for prison ministry, a school (Samaritan Theological Institute), commissions, boards and task forces at its General Conferences.

By 1981, the 10th General Conference of the UFMCC, there were four women and three men on the Board of Elders. Rev. Troy D. Perry has been elected Moderator of the Board of Elders after each Elders election. He presently serves the Fellowship full time in the administration and leadership position. Rev. Elder Freda Smith, pastor of MCC Sacramento and the first woman ordained in UFMCC is the Vice-Moderator. Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson is Clerk of the Board and works full time at the Fellowship Offices, and Rev. Elder Charlie Arehart is pastor of MCC of the Rockies. Rev. Elder Jeri Ann Harvey is of Native American descent, and Rev. Elder Jean White of London, England, was the first person to be elected who is from outside the U.S.. Elder Michael Mank, of San Fransisco, CA, was elected in 1981, as the first permanent layperson to serve on the Board of Elders, and he now functions as Treasurer of the Fellowship.

Rev. Elder Jean White is the Executive Secretary of World Church Extension, and she coordinates that ministry out of our field office in London, England. She is currently the pastor of MCC London and Church Extension Coordinator for the United Kingdom and Western Europe. Our Board of World Church Extension includes representation from the Hispanic Americas, Nigeria, Western Europe and New Zealand.

World Church Extension has an exciting history. Rev. Lee Carlton pioneered UFMCC efforts in Australia. Later on, Rev. Jan Weymouth became the first Australian District Coordinator. Rev. Sylvanus Maduka, Church Extension Coordinator for our church in Nigeria was ordained in 1976 and oversees our churches in that country. Rev. Bob Wolfe founded MCC in Canada and we presently have two Canadian Districts. Rev. Jose Mojica, the Founder of MCC Hispana, now coordinates Church Extension in the Hispanic Communities of North, Central and South America. We have an MCC in Copenhagen, Denmark and Auckland, New Zealand and hundreds of feasibility studies the world over.

SHARED RESPONSIBILITY FOR MINISTRY

In addition to the Department of Christian Social Action and the Faith, Fellowship and Order Commission already mentioned, the Fellowship has numerous other working bodies devoted to developing and carrying out the mission of the church. Within the Department of Christian Social Action is the Department of Race Relations, which oversees outreach to Third World people and education about racism.

Samaritan Theological Institute, located in Los Angeles, provides residential and correspondence courses for clergy and laity who wish to equip themselves for ministry and deepen their understanding of the Christian faith. It is a place for study and reflection on the Theology of MCC.

The Fellowship Press provides church services for the Fellowship and publications for the Community as a whole. It publishes the bi-monthly magazine, *In Unity* (the news journal of the Fellowship) and *The Gay Christian* (a quarterly theological journal of personal opinion and ecumenical news); the *Cellmate*, an outreach for prisoners meeting human needs; *Gay Lifestyles* by Dr. Norman Pittenger, as well as numerous pamphlets and booklets. A current catalogue is available from the Fellowship Offices.

Innovative Ministries (ministry to alcoholic people, disabled people and others with special needs), World Church Extension, Christian Education, By-Laws, Government, Structures and Systems are concerns and activities shared by all church bodies.

MCC is committed to an ecumenical witness and to ecumenical interaction through its local churches and the Fellowship Department of Ecumenical Relations. In 1981, UFMCC applied to the National Council of Churches, USA. Also, the late 1970's brought into existence the Commission on the Laity which clearly reminds us that the church is the responsibility of *all* the people of God. The Board of Elders offered to the Fellowship a ten year plan of evangelism and education which includes "Project Samaria," an attempt to reach into new areas and "target communities," radio and television ministry; and new Christian education resources for local churches.

Perhaps the mission of MCC can be summarized in the words of the Rev. Elder Emeritus John Hose: "never losing sight of Jesus' remarkable invitation to *all* humankind, we have proceeded with dignity, perseverance and veracity to proclaim 'freedom and justice for ALL' by the grace of God, through our Lord Jesus Christ."

DOCTRINE

Christianity is the revelation of God in Jesus Christ and is the religion set forth in the scriptures. Jesus Christ is foretold in the Old Testament, presented in the New Testament, and proclaimed by the Christian Church in every age and in every land.

Founded in the interest of offering a church home to all who confess and believe, the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches moves in the mainstream of Christianity.

Our faith is based upon the principles outlined in the historic creeds: Apostles and Nicene.

1. In one triune God, omnipotent, omnipresent and omniscient, of one substance and of three persons: God - our Parent-Creator; Jesus Christ the only begotten son of God, God in flesh, human; and the Holy Spirit - God as our Sustainer.
2. That the Bible is the divinely inspired Word of God, showing forth God to every person through the law and the prophets, and finally, completely and ultimately on earth in the being of Jesus Christ.
3. That Jesus . . . the Christ . . . historically recorded as living some 2,000 years before this writing, is God incarnate, of human birth, fully God and Fully human, and that by being one with God, Jesus has demonstrated once and forever that all people are likewise Children of God, being spiritually made in God's image.
4. That the Holy Spirit is God making known God's love and interest to all people. The Holy Spirit is God, available to and working through all who are willing to place their welfare in God's keeping.
5. Every person is justified by Grace to God through faith in Jesus Christ.
6. We are saved from loneliness, despair and degradation through God's gift of grace, as was declared by our Saviour. Such grace is not earned, but is a pure gift from a God of pure love. We further commend the community of the faithful to a life of prayer; to seek genuine forgiveness for unkind, thoughtless and unloving acts; and to a committed life of Christian service.
7. The Church serves to bring all people to God through Christ. To this end, it shall arrange for regular services of worship, prayer, interpretation of the Scriptures, and edification through the teaching and preaching of the Word.

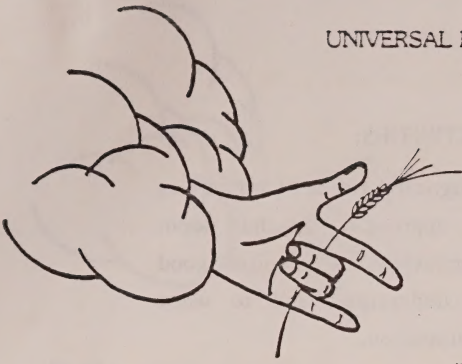
This church embraces two holy Sacraments:

1. Baptism by water and the Spirit, as recorded in the scriptures, shall be a sign of the dedication of each life to God and God's service. Through the words and acts of this sacrament, the recipient is identified as God's own Child.
2. Holy Communion is the partaking of blessed bread and fruit of the vine in accordance with the words of Jesus, our Sovereign: "This is my body . . . this is my blood." (Matthew 26: 26-28.)

All who believe, confess and repent and seek God's love through Christ, after examining their consciences, may freely participate in the communal meal, signifying their desire to be received into community with Jesus Christ, to be saved by Jesus Christ's sacrifice, to participate in Jesus Christ's resurrection, and to commit their lives anew to the service of Jesus Christ.

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"ONE LITTLE CANDLE"

An important part of the overall ministries program is funding of our outreach to the deaf. Many of those involved in ministries to the deaf have heard about our theme, "One Little Candle", and a lot of them have asked, "Well, what can I do?"

This letter provides guidance for congregations and for individuals, and invites them to participate and to support this significant ministry. We have formed the

International Deaf Ministries Advisory Council

to receive input from interested people and to recognize significant contributors to this ministry.

Recently, we have asked the Board of Elders to designate a specific Sunday on the church calendar as a day to emphasize our deaf ministries. On or near that day, each congregation is asked to hold a fund-raising event that will help to meet the goal of one dollar per member. We have included some suggestions for fund-raising events with this letter.

Each district director and each local director of deaf ministries is eligible for membership in the IDMA Council when they are designated to their district or local position and they agree to carry out their responsibilities as developed in the attached detail of duties.

To recognize individuals and congregations for their financial support, the following levels are established:

Individuals

\$1 - \$24 = "One Little Candle"

\$25 - \$249 = "Torch"

\$250+ = "Beacon"

Congregations

\$1.00/member = "Candlelabrum"
(100% participation)

\$1.50/member = "Lampstand"
(150% participation)

\$2.00/member = "Lighthouse"
(200% participation)

SUGGESTED FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES:

1) One approach is to take a love offering, designated for deaf ministries at one or more worship services. As a direct approach, this may seem like an easy project, however, to be really successful, it requires good public relations. The congregation needs to understand and to want to support deaf ministries by their individual participation.

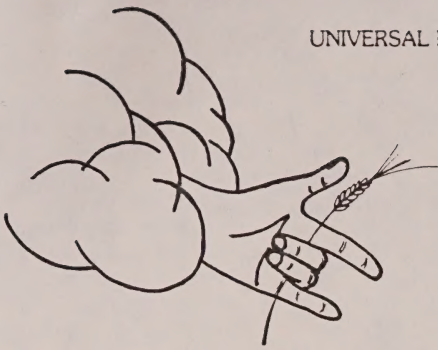
2) There are, of course, many alternatives that can be used. For example, an activity being planned in the Dallas/Fort Worth area is a Christian nightclub event, featuring the talent of a country and Gospel singer. Other activities which have been used include:

* car wash *yard or parking-lot sale or auction

*bowling/sport tournament *skating/dance/pot luck party

*bake/cake sale

3) When your activity has been held, have the clerk of your congregation write a letter to transmit the proceeds and to let us know the number of members in your congregation (for statistical analysis). USA congregations (and individuals) may make checks payable to "MCC Deaf Ministries". Other nations' congregations need to make checks payable to "P. D. Sterling".



Silent Harvest

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(Matthew 9:37-38)

North West District

THE BLUEST EYES THAT YOU EVER SEE ARE IN SEATTLE...

That is, depending upon whether you are looking at Pastor Rev. Candace Naisbitt or at Mike Priser, who is part of the interpreter staff at MCC-Seattle. Mike, Steve Meader, John Dunn and Lee Cain work as a team to provide outreach to the deaf community, sometimes far from Seattle.

Mike Priser was part of our interpreter staff at General Conference XI in Toronto. He reports that he signed at the Dignity national conference held in Seattle, and recently assisted at the Northwest district conference held at the Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington.

Patrick was on hand to present a workshop and to assist district director Bob Jackson in providing interpreters for the district conference. Nearly thirty attended the workshop from all over the district, as far north as Anchorage and as far south as Dallas!

Ed. Note: District director Bob Jackson can be contacted through MCC-Portland.

Mid Central District

From the crossroads of the world comes the news that MCC-Greater Kansas City has agreed to host the first **International Deaf Ministry Advisory Council** for a three-day conference in mid-June.

Daniel Herlihy, director of deaf ministries, and Holliday Sparks will coordinate the program, planned to provide instruction and resource for our world-wide outreach, as well as a time of assessment and evaluation of progress and planning for the future.

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South West District

I LEFT MY HEART IN SANTA BARBARA

District director Jerry Sabina has been busy as a beaver, having two workshops to date and one to come at district conference.

Nearly every congregation had representatives at the workshops held in Long Beach and in Santa Barbara.

Jerry was part of the interpreter staff at General Conference XI, and will be travelling to Sacramento with Danny W. Ray, worship coordinator, to plan for General Conference XII!

North East District

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE SAKS

Although a workshop was not scheduled, district director Daniel Ventrelli planned to hold a sharing time for those interested in deaf ministries at the recent district conference in Rochester, New York. He and Patrick are working out details to have a workshop in December in New York.

Ed. note: District director Daniel Ventrelli can be contacted through MCC-New York.

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NO NEWS IS BAD NEWS!

Silent Harvest is an outreach of MCC Deaf Ministries that is sent to MCC Congregations and interested individuals free-of-charge. Contributions to defray the cost of publication are appreciated and may be made payable to "**MCC Deaf Ministries**".

Your news and views are solicited. Please send news items for us to share with all. If you move, kindly remember to send a change of address; it costs 25¢ for each letter returned by the Post Office. Thank you and God bless!

The following is an excerpt from the MCC-Philadelphia Bellringer

What is it about MCC that makes me stay, makes me work - what do I get from it? These questions have been forced upon me, and they are worth answering!

I try to decide why I come to MCC; what does MCC give to me? I can come to worship as part of a community of believers, not just people who come to church to be seen or because it is the right thing.

MCC is a comfortable place for me. I don't have to dress up if I don't want to - I don't have to meet someone else's standards. I come to be with my God, to be with people who love me, and to share that love with others.

When I first came to MCC, one of the people with whom I came in contact, was a person who could sign for the deaf. He introduced me to a whole new world. MCC has enabled me to hear God talking to me and giving me a job to do. Some people do not know that God loves them, and I am part of the group that tells them.

I believe it is our responsibility to tell everyone of our love for our God, for God loves us and our love for each other.

written by Richard S. Roberts, member, Board of Directors, MCC-Philadelphia.

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TINNITUS - A FOUR-LETTER WORD!

While much of our outreach is directed to people who have little or no hearing, there are quite a number of God's children who have a problem that they hear all too well! That is tinnitus, the medical term for ringing in the ears, or ear noises.

If you have tinnitus, and possibly have been to one or more doctor who told you, learn to live with it, you may wish to look into the American Tinnitus Association, a self-help organization. One of their recommendations is - remove all caffeine from your diet for thirty days and see if that helps. If it doesn't, not much is lost, and it's cheap medicine!

For their information, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to ATA, Box 5, Portland, Oregon USA 97207

THE GREAT, GREAT LAKES REPORT

Part of travelling for deaf ministries is spending time reading airline magazines. American Airlines' publication American Way has an interesting article in the October, 1983 issue, about a woman named Susan Freundlich, a sign-language artist who works with entertainers to bring concerts of many types to the deaf.

It is an informative article, however people already in our deaf ministries program need to read it less than a lot of the general population! If you would like a copy, send a request with a self-addressed stamped envelope to Patrick in Dallas.

Just after resting up from district conference in Seattle, Patrick was back on the road (or up in the air) to Chicago for Great Lakes district conference.

The entire conference centered around ministering, and ministeries to the deaf were given equal footing with workshops on a great many facets of outreach. It's a shame the conference wasn't a week!

District director Richard Walker is putting shoulder to the wheel to bring about a cooperative, coordinated deaf ministries program in the district, and we are assured that planning for future district conferences will include having worship signed for the deaf, as a matter of form!

Ed. note: District director Richard Walker can be contacted through MCC-Dayton
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DO YOU LIKE OUR LOGO?

Designed by Lisa Johnson, it represents the hand of God signing "I LOVE YOU" to humanity, and includes a stalk of wheat, from our theme text (Matthew 9:37). We now have a line of gifts that feature this emblem, as below:

(key ring) (lapel pin/tie tac)
(money clip) (pendant)

Each is made of a substantial, silver-toned metal, and there's a good stock ready for Christmas giving.

These gifts are available by mail from Deaf Ministries headquarters, and Patrick will have them available at various conferences and workshops. Each item is valued at US\$6.50, postpaid. In Canada, contact George Olds at MCC-Toronto.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR MISSION

Metropolitan Community Church of Anchorage, Alaska

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

Enclosed you will find materials from Metropolitan Community Church of Anchorage, a study group church within the Northwest District.

The Board of Home Missions is seeking to fill this appointed position in cooperation with the congregation in Anchorage. Anchorage is a wonderful and special place and will require a Christian leader with an appreciation for this very unique setting for mission and ministry.

In order to be considered for the position, it is necessary that you complete the attached application and provide the necessary materials to both the above address and the church in Anchorage.

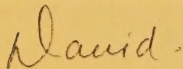
We believe that there is tremendous potential in Anchorage and we know that God is preparing someone in our fellowship to realize the potential and to respond to the call.

The congregation and the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions will be candidating one individual this winter, based upon the applications received.

All applications must be received by no later than JANUARY 31, 1984.

Please, prayerfully consider this call and may God bless and guide you. Please feel free to contact the district for further information.

Peace and Joy,



Rev. David M. Pelletier
for the people of the Northwest District

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Application for District Work

Clergy of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, holding active credentials, applying to be assigned by the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions to positions of pastoral leadership within the district must submit all of the following:

Name: _____

Current Address: _____

Current Telephone: _____

Year of Initial License: _____

Year of Ordination (if applicable): _____

A) Please attach a resume of all work within U.F.M.C.C.

B) Submit all of the following (if applicable)

1. An essay not to exceed 500 words, citing reasons as to why you have left or desire to leave your current or most recent position of service.
2. A letter of recommendation and affirmation from all of the following:
 - a. The District Coordinator where you have most recently served and the District Coordinator where you have formerly served if you have resided in more than one district within the last year.
 - b. The Board of Directors where you have most recently served.
 - c. The senior pastor where you have most recently served.
3. An essay, not to exceed 500 words, dealing with all of the following:
 - a. Future plans regarding the specific work applied for.
 - b. Expectations regarding support from the district.
 - c. Theological assumptions regarding mission and ministry.
 - d. How I view lay leadership within the local congregation.
4. Statement of Faith (less than 10 pages)
5. Ways in which financial support is to be derived.

ALL MATERIALS MUST BE SENT TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND TO THE CONGREGATION TO WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING.

Congregation Applying to: _____

Upon receipt of all materials, the district coordinator shall:

- A) Confer with the church body to which the application is being made.
- B) Present the applicant to the Executive Committee of the Board of Home Missions.

The Executive Committee shall:

- A) Either approve or deny the application. The applicant shall be notified immediately of the decision.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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ANNOUNCING...

"LIVE a LIFE of LOVE" a spiritual renewal

Schedule of Events

November 17--6:30 PM Pot Luck Supper
Bring a Dish... Join Friends... Enjoy

8:00 PM Spiritual Service
Rev. Brenda Cisneros-Hunt, Preaching
Coordinator, Great Lakes District--UFMCC
Pastor--MCC Detroit
514 North Walnut

November 18--8:00 Spiritual Renewal Service
Rev. Brenda Cisneros-Hunt, Preaching
514 North Walnut
10:00 "A Night on the Town"
A Visit to "Smokey's Den"

November 19--2:00 PM Workshop: "Laity Involvement in Church Ministries"
Qwin House 812 South Fourth Street (near Lawrence)
8:00 PM Installation Service for Our Pastor
First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary
321 South Seventh Street (near Capitol)
Rev. Brenda Cisneros-Hunt, Officiating

November 20--2:00 PM Workshop: "Relationships"
Qwin House 812 South Fourth Street (near Lawrence)
8:00 PM Renewal Service
Mr. Chuck Shields, Preaching
Co-Assistant District Coordinator
Deacon, MCC Dayton
514 North Walnut

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ALL CONGREGATIONS

RE: Edition II, Locating a Pastor

Friends in Christ:

Many congregations find themselves at some time in the need of locating a new Pastor. Very few guidelines exist to assist the congregation in doing this. A manual has been produced specifically for the purpose of helping congregations in their search for a new Pastor. The manual is also a great help to any congregation in reaching a level of strength and stability. This manual has been advertised in SOTER, JOURNEY, and KEEPING IN TOUCH.

Edition II of Locating a Pastor is now available. It is 13 pages shorter than Edition I and at a lower cost. It comes bound in a soft cover. The price is \$7.97. Postage and handling is an additional \$2.00 per shipment.

This is a good manual for use by Pastors, Worship Coordinators, Boards of Directors, Pulpit Committees, Deacons, Student Clergy, and others.

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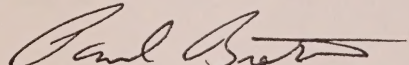
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NOVEMBER 1983

SEPTEMBER TOP 20 TITHES Received by October 15 (In Amount Given)

MCC Dallas, Dallas, TX	\$1496.42
MCC in the Valley, No. Hollywood, CA	859.51
MCC Long Beach, Long Beach, CA	766.62
Church of the Holy Spirit MCC, Ft. Lauderdale, FL	584.28
MCC of Greater St. Louis, St. Louis, MO	536.35
MCC Washington, Washington, DC	437.39
Agape MCC of Ft. Worth, Ft. Worth, TX	433.67
Golden Gate MCC, San Francisco, CA	431.12
MCC San Antonio, San Antonio, TX	397.05
MCC New York, New York, NY	365.71
Casa de Cristo MCC, Phoenix, AZ	355.88
MCC Seattle, Seattle, WA	331.85
All God's Children MCC, Minneapolis, MN	308.19
Christ MCC, Miami, FL	279.00
MCC Atlanta, Atlanta, GA	242.21
MCC San Jose, San Jose, CA	230.31
Joy MCC, Orlando, FL	201.96
Church of the Holy Spirit MCC, Des Moines, IA	193.12
MCC Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA	191.25
MCC Ventura, Ventura, CA	182.80

SEPTEMBER TOP 20 TITHES Received by October 15 (Per Capita)

MCC Galveston, Galveston, TX	\$18.50
De Colores MCC, Highland Park, CA	17.87
MCC of Greater St. Louis, St. Louis, MO	16.20
MCC of the San Gabriel Valley, La Puente, CA	15.19
Christ MCC, Miami, FL	14.23
MCC Long Beach, Long Beach, CA	14.14
MCC in the Valley, No. Hollywood, CA	13.22
The Church of New Hope MCC, Waterloo, IA	12.81
MCC Bakersfield, Bakersfield, CA	12.67
MCC Dallas, Dallas, TX	12.21
MCC Rockville, Rockville, MD	11.61
MCC of Acadiana, Lafayette, LA	11.50
Church of the Resurrection MCC, Chicago, IL	11.17
MCC San Antonio, San Antonio, TX	10.96
MCC Amarillo, Amarillo, TX	10.75
MCC Springfield Family, Springfield, MO	10.71
MCC San Jose, San Jose, CA	10.46
Casa de Cristo MCC, Phoenix, AZ	10.43
Christ the Liberator MCC, Princeton, NJ	10.34
Church of the Holy Spirit MCC, Ft. Lauderdale, FL	10.21

MANY THANKS to churches and individuals who have sent in Fellowship Sunday offerings. Thus far, we have received offerings from the following churches:

MCC San Francisco, CA	\$342.32
MCC Atlanta, GA	63.12
Golden Gate MCC, CA	100.00
Good Shepherd MCC, CA	37.00
MCC of the Resurrection, TX	517.00
MCC Wichita, KS	54.00
MCC Rockville, MD	87.00
All God's Children MCC, MN	339.14
MCC Tampa, FL	77.10
MCC London, England	90.46
Maranatha MCC, DA	13.50
MCC Bournemouth, England	10.00
MCC in the Valley, CA	500.00
Agape MCC of Ft. Worth, TX	45.00
MCC Providence, RI	19.01
Family of God MCC, WVA	36.00
Family of Peace MCC, KS	24.00
MCC Springfield, IL	40.00
MCC of Greater St. Louis, MO	38.48
Sojourner MCC, MI	59.25
MCC of the Rockies, CO	131.16
MCC Dayton Parish, OH	90.00
MCC of Omaha, NE	28.50

N.C.C. UPDATE — The Governing Board of the National Council of Churches voted 116-94 to "postpone indefinitely" any action on UFMCC's eligibility for membership in the NCC. In addition, at the November 9-11 meeting in Hartford, CT, the Council voted to "continue conversation and dialogue with the UFMCC," and admitted that its "reluctance to vote" was based on unresolved issues within the NCC on the nature of the church, human sexuality, scripture and Christian Unity. UFMCC will be participating more in various units of the Council, and helping to design a process for continuing conversation and dialogue. A further development at this meeting was the formation of a "Gays and Lesbians and Their Friends Caucus" of the Governing Board.

CREDENTIALS UPDATE: All materials for re-license and license applications are due no later than March 1, 1984. (Ignore the old deadlines in the old Clergy Manual). The new phone number for all credentials matters, and to reach Rev. Claudia Viera is (208) 386-9588. The new address is: CCCC, 1015 E. Jeffersor., Boise, Idaho 83702. The newly revised UFMCC Clergy Manual will be available after mid-November 1983 for a cost of \$10.00. All applications will also be available at that time:

CONGRATULATIONS!

To MCC of the Pomona Valley, CA on the purchase of their new building!

To MCC Roseburg, Oregon for being granted Study Group status by the Northwest District. At the same time, they have been experiencing a lot of opposition in their community. A group of fundamentalist churches organized a day of prayer, on October 27, in opposition to the existence of MCC in Douglas County, Oregon. Our sisters and brothers in Roseburg could use your prayers and encouragement. Their address is: MCC Roseburg, Post Office Box 1390, Winston, Oregon 97496.

To Rev. J.T. Atkinson for being elected the new pastor of MCC Hartford, CT. Congratulations J.T. and Hartford!

To the Mid-Central District and Rev. Reid Christensen for a new Study Group, MCC of Southern Illinois, Carbondale.

To these new District Coordinators:

Rev. Judy Dahl, Southwest District
Rev. Willie White, Northeast District
Mr. R. Adam DeBaugh, Mid-Atlantic District
Rev. Ron Bergeron, Eastern Canadian District
Rev. Michael Piazza, South Atlantic District

To these new Lay Representatives:

Jim Hayes, Northeast District
Alan Povey, Mid-Atlantic District

To Rev. Bob Arthur who is retiring from the position of Southwest District Coordinator and will be moving to Birmingham, England to pastor our church there. Congratulations Bob and MCC Birmingham!

THE REPORTS AND DIRECTIVES of General Conference XI are now available from the Fellowship Offices. If you pre-registered for General Conference, your copy will be mailed to you. If you registered at General Conference, write to us for your copy. If you did *not* register for General Conference, the Reports and Directives are available for \$10.00.

WE HAVE "NEW" OFFICES! The Fellowship Offices are pleased to announce that we have endured almost a month of dust and confusion, and now have newly rearranged, remodeled and redecorated offices to better serve you. The remodeling was paid for by the building owner, under the terms of our new lease, with minimal cost to the Fellowship.

There will be ONE Clergy Conference next year for UFMCC clergy, student clergy, worship coordinators and friends. The dates will be March 19-22, in Kansas City, MO. Dr. Tex Samples, Professor of Church and Society at St. Paul's School of Theology, will be one of our guest speakers. The theme will be "Planning for the Future." The future explored will be personal, professional, financial and denominational.

****A FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR****

(Complete with photos and ALL important Fellowship conference and meeting dates) for 1984 is available for sale at only \$4.95 + postage. See the enclosed flyer and order blank. A perfect Christmas gift! ORDER SOON!

Rev. Troy Periy and Rev. Jose Mojica recently returned from a very successful Conference and Spiritual Renewal in Mexico City. Look for the story in an upcoming JOURNEY Magazine.

Rev. Bonnie Daniel, District Coordinator, reports that a group of eight people are meeting in Boulder, Colorado.

Rev. Linda Bynum is the new pastor of MCC of New Orleans, Louisiana!

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ENABLING LAY MINISTRY, PART 2

SALT OF THE EARTH RESOURCES (SOTER) is a resource bulletin published by Samaritan Extended Studies. SOTER presents resources for Christian ministry. A different area of ministry is covered each issue. SOTER (sō-tāir) is Greek for Savior. To continue the ministry of our Savior, we must share with each other our resources.

This is the second issue of SOTER to focus on Enabling Lay Ministry. Last month's issue presented such resources as a course in lay pastoral care in Howard Stone's book, The Caring Church: A Guide for Lay Pastoral Care; workshops in lay ministry offered by The Institute of Religion (Houston, Texas) and The National Institute for Lay Training (New York, New York); the programs of The Laity Center (Newton Centre, Massachusetts); the lay ministry training program of MCC of the Resurrection in Houston, Texas; and a recommended bibliography on lay ministry. This month's issue offers further resources, namely the publications of The Alban Institute, Scriptographic Booklets, and a new correspondence course of Samaritan Extended Studies. It is the hope of this editor that both of these issues will enable the clergy and laity of the UFMCC to more fully claim their ministries and to more effectively carry them out.

All SOTER readers are urged to send to Samaritan Extended Studies copies of any lay ministry training programs that have been used in their congregation. Of particular interest are deacon training, peer counseling, assisting in worship services, evangelism and outreach, social service/action, and integrating one's faith and employment. Please share with your other UFMCC colleagues so that we might help each other to be the local congregations and the denomination that God is calling us to be.

SCRIPTOGRAPHIC BOOKLETS CAN BOOST LAY UNDERSTANDING AND INVOLVEMENT

Channing Bete Company publishes a huge variety of short illustrated booklets which present a simple, understandable, and ecumenical Christianity. These Scriptographic Booklets are wonderful for handouts to classes, worshipping congregations, mailing lists, visitors, and counselees. Areas covered by the booklets include stewardship, Bible study, church seasons, denominational surveys and histories, prayer, basic Christian beliefs, Christian mission, family ministry and crises, senior adults, alcohol and drugs, suicide, depression, stress, and wellness.

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PUBLICATIONS ON LAY MINISTRY FROM THE ALBAN INSTITUTE

The Alban Institute is a multi-denominational organization which focuses on the local church. Based in Washington, D.C., the staff of the Alban Institute does on-site training, consulting, research, and publishing. Several of their publications deal with lay ministry.

The Authority of the Laity by Verna Dozier, Publication No. AL63, \$5.00; Study Guide Publication No. AL63SG, \$1.50.

Being the Church: Developing and Sharing Our Ministry edited by Robert Johnson, Publication No. AL57, \$5.50.

Building Stronger Lay Committees edited by Patricia Drake, Publication No. AL67, \$3.75.

Lay Ministry: A Tool Kit by Loren Mead, Publication No. AL17, \$1.25.

Learning to Share the Ministry by James Adams and Celia Hahn, Publication No. AL9, \$4.50.

My Struggle to Be a Caring Person: Support for Laity in Their Ministries by Celia Hahn, James Adams, and Anne Amy, Publication No. AL56, \$6.00.

What Do I Have to Offer? Support for Laity in Their Ministries, Vol. II by Celia Hahn, James Adams, Anne Amy, and Barton Lloyd, Leader's Guide Publication No. AL65, \$8.00; Participant's Packet Publication No. AL65P, \$2.50.

Send all orders to: The Alban Institute, Publications Dept., Mount St. Alban, Washington, D.C. 20016. Specify the publication number of each booklet ordered and include a \$1.25 handling charge with each order. Checks should be payable to: The Alban Institute. A catalog of all publications and membership information may also be requested.

NEW CORRESPONDENCE COURSE ON MINISTRY

Clarifying and Renewing the Ministry, a new correspondence course offered by Samaritan Extended Studies, explores the ministry of clergy and the ministry of laypeople in the context of the whole ministry of the church. The textbook is William McElvaney's The People of God in Ministry (Abingdon Press, 1981).

The first half of the course deals with professional ministry. Areas covered include: the burdens and blessings of the clergy occupation, preparation and formation for ministry, spiritual discipline and renewal, measurements and evaluation, continuing education, and the madness/foolishness of Christian ministry.

The second half of the course explores the ministry of all Christians. The author presents the general ministry of all Christians as being a listening church, a learning church, a loving church, and a liberating church.

The author, William McElvaney, is President of Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Missouri. He uses his past experiences as a seminary administrator/instructor, pastor, and active layperson to illustrate this very illuminating and helpful book.

Clarifying and Renewing the Ministry is aimed toward clergy and student clergy to assist them in clarifying what their ministry is and how they can enable the lay members of the church to carry on their own ministry. The course is also helpful for lay leaders who want a better understanding of the ministry of the church and what clergy and lay roles are.

This correspondence course is worth one Samaritan credit (a college-level semester unit) and costs \$50, which includes tuition, textbook, study guide and test for each of the ten lessons, grading of tests, and awarding of credit upon successful completion of the course.

Orders should be sent to Samaritan Extended Studies, 11 Columbia Street, Hartford, CT 06106. All orders must be prepaid and in U.S. funds. Information and enrollment forms for all Samaritan correspondence courses may be requested from Samaritan Extended Studies. The six current courses are: What is the Bible?; The Life and Teaching of Jesus; Homosexuality and the Scriptures; UFMCC Polity; Clarifying and Renewing the Ministry; and Loving Yourself, Loving Others.

SAMARITAN COLLEGE INTER-TERM 1984
January 3-27

WEEKEND SEMINARS:

Christian Education Programing for the Local Church

Faculty: Rev. Sherre L. Boothman

Date and Time: January 13-14

Friday: 6pm-10pm

Saturday: 9am-12pm; 1pm-4pm; 6pm-8pm

Course Credit: 1

Location: Samaritan College

5300 Santa Monica Blvd, Suite 104
Los Angeles

Sexuality in the Judeo-Christian Tradition

Faculty: Rev. Ken Martin

Date and Time: January 20-21

Friday: 6pm-10pm

Saturday: 9am-12pm; 1pm-4pm; 6pm-8pm

Course Credit: 1

Location: MCC in the Valley

5730 Cahuenga Blvd.
North Hollywood

Gifts of Healing: History, Theory, and Practice

Faculty: Rev. Jim Glycer

Date and Time: January 27-28

Friday: 6pm-10pm

Saturday: 9am-12pm; 1pm-4pm; 6pm-8pm

Course Credit: 1

Location: Samaritan College

CLASSES:

UFMCC Polity

Faculty: Rev. Sherre L. Boothman

Time: Tuesdays, 7pm-9pm

Course Credit: 1

Location: Samaritan College

* NOTE: This course is designed as a seminar for the correspondence course on UFMCC Polity distributed by Samaritan Extended Studies Division. All participants will be required to purchase this correspondence course: cost \$50.00. This fee will include all tuition and registration fees.

Liturgical History

Faculty: Jennie Johnson

Time: Wednesdays, 6:30pm-9:30pm

Course Credit: 1

Location: Samaritan College

COSTS: Tuition: \$25.00 per course credit
Registration Fee: \$5.00 per student

For more information call Samaritan College: (213) 464-5100

SAMARITAN COLLEGE SECOND SEMESTER 1984

February 6th - May 18th

REGISTRATION: February 1 - 3, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (or by appointment: call Samaritan College, 464-5100).

MONDAYS: Christian Education: Methodologies for the Local Church:

Faculty: Rev. Sherre L. Boothman

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Course Credits: 2

Location: Samaritan College

A Philosophy of Religion's Approach to Cults:

Faculty: Rev. Bjorn Marcussen

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. First seven weeks only. (February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 5, 12, 19).

Course Credits: 1

Location: MCC Long Beach
1231 Locust
Long Beach

History of Christian Thought:

Faculty: Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Course Credits: 3

Location: All Saints MCC
7985 Santa Monica Blvd. # 109-190
West Hollywood

TUESDAYS: Liberation Theology:

Faculty: Rev. Shelley Hamilton

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Course Credits: 2

Location: Samaritan College

WEDNESDAYS: Worship, Sacraments and Rites:

Faculty: Jennie Johnson

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Course Credits: 2

Location: Samaritan College

THURSDAYS: Philosophy of Religion's Approach to Secular Knowledge:

Faculty: Rev. Bjorn Marcussen

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Course Credits: 2

Location: MCC Long Beach

The Scriptural Basis of Inclusive Language:

Faculty: Rev. Nancy Radclyffe

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Course Credits: 2

Location: Samaritan College

COSTS: Tuition= \$25 per course credit

Registration Fee: \$5 per student

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A Communication of the Spiritual Life And Clergy Care Center Dec. '83

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Use the enclosed form, mail it to SLACCC to make this request. If for some reason you cannot receive mail at your address but would like an address published consider possibilities for an "in care of" address. One of these is the SLACCC office which will forward First Class mail and allow you to use SLACCC as your mailing address in the Directory.

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The first two Outreach Chaplains have been appointed. They are the Rev. Sam Edelman and Dr. Bev Teagle. This expands the confidential, 24-hour a day resources available to those of you who are clergy, worship coordinators, District and Fellowship level lay leaders, student clergy and the spouses of any of these. Outreach Chaplains are under the supervision of the Sr. Chaplain and have the same strictures to assure confidentiality as she has.

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Bev Teagle and/or Sam Edelman
Delmar Route, Harrison, AR 72601
(501) 553-2533 or Sam Sun.-Wed. at
(417) 864-8373

AN APOLOGY

To those who tried calling me recently only to have the answering device cut you off before you could leave a message, I am sorry. This is a month old machine that went on the blink. It has been exchanged for a new one. It is usually set on "voice activated" which means it will take as long a message as you wish to leave up to the 30 minute length of the tape.

WHAT'S SLACCC?

As many of you have realized, this is the acronym for Spiritual Life And Clergy Care Center which uses the "A" from "And". The first time I used the initials I realized that they pronounced like the word "slack". This seemed appropriate as this program is here to help provide some slack in the often too busy life of our leadership. The first dictionary definition of slack is, "not tense or taut". If we may help you to be more relaxed and able to swing with the punches as well as with God's guidance call or write us. Making a good day better is as much an objective as making a lousy day bearable.

Some of you have asked how SLACCC fits into the structure of the Fellowship. SLACCC is an institution covered by Article VB2 of the Bylaws. Pages F-9 to F-12 of the General Conference packet gives this and other structural detail. The Sr. Chaplain is appointed by the Board of Elders in a fashion similar to the Dean of Samaritan the other institution of UFMCC. Outreach Chaplains (Regional Chaplains in the above mentioned proposal) are appointed by the Sr. Chaplain after an application and reference procedure is followed.

SLACCC TELEPHONE

(213) 465-4227 is a number which can reach me 24-hours a day without ever having to go through the switchboard of the Fellowship offices. There is call forwarding on it so it can follow me. The answering device is in my home and is checked by me. Feel free to call at any time.

YOUR SPOUSE

Does your spouse or significant other know that SLACCC is here for her or him too? This sharing also has complete confidentiality so your future cannot be adversely affected by your partner's sharing with a SLACCC chaplain. One of the purposes of SLACCC is to help facilitate help and support resources especially for spouses. If your special person would be interested in being one of these resource people put him or her on to SLACCC.

THE ENCLOSED QUESTIONNAIRES or "Your Pension and Your Mail"

The enclosed questionnaires are designed to meet three purposes. If you fit any one of these three please fill it out and return to the SLACCC address NOT to the Fellowship!

1. To acquire correct actuarial information for your participation in the Clergy Pension Plan. In order to assure that your records and eventual retirement data will be accurate fill out all items that have an asterik. Do NOT assume that the Fellowship has the correct information somewhere. A similar form was enclosed with your new credentials, if you filled out all sections, your address is unchanged, you are not covered in 2 or 3 below and you returned that form you need not return this form.
2. For clergy who are not attached to a local church or other listed Fellowship body this form will give SLACCC the correct information and permission to list you in the new Clergy at Large section of the Directory.
3. So that SLACCC and other official Fellowship functions may have your home address and telephone number to facilitate communications. These will not be published or given out beyond these official functions unless you authorize it.

Remember, SLACCC is the paperwork, record keeping, contribution collecting office for the Pension Plan.



SPIRITUAL LIFE AND CLERGY CARE CENTER
P.O. Box 691566, Los Angeles, CA 90069 (213) 465-4227

The Rev. Nancy L. Rodcliff, Sr. Chaplain



FOR ALL CLERGY

NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

*BIRTHDATE _____

*PLACE OF BIRTH _____

*GENDER _____

*DATE OF INITIAL LICENSING _____

*DATE OF ORDINATION _____

*COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP _____

*DATE OF CITIZENSHIP _____ (if other than birthdate)

*These questions are for pension planning purposes. See SLACCC newsletter for more information. Do not assume that the Fellowship has the correct information somewhere. If you previously sent this form in with the correct, current information you need not send it in again.

___ Please use the above address for all of my Fellowship mailings.

___ Please use this address for all of my Fellowship mailings:

ADDRESS _____

___ Please place me on the available clergy list.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

All clergy and especially District Coordinators, please duplicate both of the enclosed questionnaires for clergy whom you know of who do not receive Fellowship mailings. See that those people get them, especially unattached clergy and staff clergy.

PLEASE RETURN TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS



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FOR CLERGY AT LARGE

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NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE # (____) _____ DO NOT PUBLISH _____

WORK PHONE # (____) _____ DO NOT PUBLISH _____

___ List me in the new "Clergy at Large" section of the Directory.

___ Use the above information only for SLACCC and official Fellowship (unpublished) communications.

___ Please do not publish any of the above but Nancy Radclyffe may use her discretion to give it to interested and helping people who may inquire about me.

___ List my address for First Class mail as c/o SLACCC.

___ This will appear in the Clergy at Large section as:

Your Name
c/o P.O. Box 691566
Los Angeles, CA 90069

Other Directions or Requests _____

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

PLEASE RETURN TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS

Please duplicate and share this form with other clergy who did not receive this mailing.

keeping in touch

News and Notes from the
Fellowship Offices
5300 Santa Monica Blvd., Ste. 304
Los Angeles, CA 90029-9990
(213) 464-5100

NOVEMBER 1983

SEPTEMBER

TOP 20 TITHES

Received by October 15
(In Amount Given)

MCC Dallas, Dallas, TX.	\$1496.42
MCC in the Valley, No. Hollywood, CA.	859.51
MCC Long Beach, Long Beach, CA.	766.62
Church of the Holy Spirit MCC, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.	584.28
MCC of Greater St. Louis, St. Louis, MO.	536.35
MCC Washington, Washington, DC.	437.39
Agape MCC of Ft. Worth, Ft. Worth, TX.	433.67
Golden Gate MCC, San Francisco, CA.	431.12
MCC San Antonio, San Antonio, TX.	397.05
MCC New York, New York, NY.	365.71
Casa de Cristo MCC, Phoenix, AZ.	355.88
MCC Seattle, Seattle, WA.	331.85
All God's Children MCC, Minneapolis, MN.	308.19
Christ MCC, Miami, FL.	279.00
MCC Atlanta, Atlanta, GA.	242.21
MCC San Jose, San Jose, CA.	230.31
Joy MCC, Orlando, FL.	201.96
Church of the Holy Spirit MCC, Des Moines, IA.	193.12
MCC Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA.	191.25
MCC Ventura, Ventura, CA.	182.80

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(Per Capita)

MCC Galveston, Galveston, TX.	\$18.50
De Colores MCC, Highland Park, CA.	17.87
MCC of Greater St. Louis, St. Louis, MO.	16.20
MCC of the San Gabriel Valley, La Puente, CA.	15.19
Christ MCC, Miami, FL.	14.23
MCC Long Beach, Long Beach, CA.	14.14
MCC in the Valley, No. Hollywood, CA.	13.22
The Church of New Hope MCC, Waterloo, IA.	12.81
MCC Bakersfield, Bakersfield, CA.	12.67
MCC Dallas, Dallas, TX.	12.21
MCC Rockville, Rockville, MD.	11.61
MCC of Acadiana, Lafayette, LA.	11.50
Church of the Resurrection MCC, Chicago, IL.	11.17
MCC San Antonio, San Antonio, TX.	10.96
MCC Amarillo, Amarillo, TX.	10.75
MCC Springfield Family, Springfield, MO.	10.71
MCC San Jose, San Jose, CA.	10.46
Casa de Cristo MCC, Phoenix, AZ.	10.43
Christ the Liberator MCC, Princeton, NJ.	10.34
Church of the Holy Spirit MCC, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.	10.21

MANY THANKS to churches and individuals who have sent in Fellowship Sunday offerings. Thus far, we have received offerings from the following churches:

MCC San Francisco, CA.	\$342.32
MCC Atlanta, GA.	63.12
Golden Gate MCC, CA.	100.00
Good Shepherd MCC, CA.	37.00
MCC of the Resurrection, TX.	517.00
MCC Wichita, KS.	54.00
MCC Rockville, MD.	87.00
All God's Children MCC, MN.	339.14
MCC Tampa, FL.	77.10
MCC London, England.	90.46
Maranatha MCC, DA.	13.50
MCC Bournemouth, England.	10.00
MCC in the Valley, CA.	500.00
Agape MCC of Ft. Worth, TX.	45.00
MCC Providence, RI.	19.01
Family of God MCC, WVA.	36.00
Family of Peace MCC, KS.	24.00
MCC Springfield, IL.	40.00
MCC of Greater St. Louis, MO.	38.48
Sojourner MCC, MI.	59.25
MCC of the Rockies, CO.	131.16
MCC Dayton Parish, OH.	90.00
MCC of Omaha, NE.	28.50

N.C.C. UPDATE — The Governing Board of the National Council of Churches voted 116-94 to "postpone indefinitely" any action on UFMCC's eligibility for membership in the NCC. In addition, at the November 9-11 meeting in Hartford, CT, the Council voted to "continue conversation and dialogue with the UFMCC," and admitted that its "reluctance to vote" was based on unresolved issues within the NCC on the nature of the church, human sexuality, scripture and Christian Unity. UFMCC will be participating more in various units of the Council, and helping to design a process for continuing conversation and dialogue. A further development at this meeting was the formation of a "Gays and Lesbians and Their Friends Caucus" of the Governing Board.

CREDENTIALS UPDATE: All materials for re-license and license applications are due no later than March 1, 1984. (Ignore the old deadlines in the old Clergy Manual). The new phone number for all credentials matters, and to reach Rev. Claudia Verra is (208) 386-9588. The new address is: CCCC, 1015 E. Jeffersor, Boise, Idaho 83702. The newly revised UFMCC Clergy Manual will be available after mid-November 1983 for a cost of \$10.00. All applications will also be available at that time:

CONGRATULATIONS!

To MCC of the Pomona Valley, CA on the purchase of their new building!

To MCC Roseburg, Oregon for being granted Study Group status by the Northwest District. At the same time, they have been experiencing a lot of opposition in their community. A group of fundamentalist churches organized a day of prayer, on October 27, in opposition to the existence of MCC in Douglas County, Oregon. Our sisters and brothers in Roseburg could use your prayers and encouragement. Their address is: MCC Roseburg, Post Office Box 1390, Winston, Oregon 97496.

To Rev. J.T. Atkinson for being elected the new pastor of MCC Hartford, CT. Congratulations J.T. and Hartford!

To the Mid-Central District and Rev. Reid Christensen for a new Study Group, MCC of Southern Illinois, Carbondale.

To these new District Coordinators:

Rev. Judy Dahl, Southwest District
Rev. Willie White, Northeast District
Mr. R. Adam DeBaugh, Mid-Atlantic District
Rev. Ron Bergeron, Eastern Canadian District
Rev. Michael Piazza, South Atlantic District

To these new Lay Representatives:

Jim Hayes, Northeast District
Alan Povey, Mid-Atlantic District

To Rev. Bob Arthur who is retiring from the position of Southwest District Coordinator and will be moving to Birmingham, England to pastor our church there. Congratulations Bob and MCC Birmingham!

THE REPORTS AND DIRECTIVES of General Conference XI are now available from the Fellowship Offices. If you *pre*-registered for General Conference, your copy will be mailed to you. If you registered *at* General Conference, write to us for your copy. If you did *not* register for General Conference, the Reports and Directives are available for \$10.00.

WE HAVE "NEW" OFFICES! The Fellowship Offices are pleased to announce that we have endured almost a month of dust and confusion, and now have newly rearranged, remodeled and redecorated offices to better serve you. The remodeling was paid for by the building owner, under the terms of our new lease, with minimal cost to the Fellowship.

There will be ONE Clergy Conference next year for UFMCC clergy, student clergy, worship coordinators and friends. The dates will be March 19-22, in Kansas City, MO. Dr. Tex Samples, Professor of Church and Society at St. Paul's School of Theology, will be one of our guest speakers. The theme will be "Planning for the Future." The future explored will be personal, professional, financial and denominational.

****A FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR****

(Complete with photos and ALL important Fellowship conference and meeting dates) for 1984 is available for sale at only \$4.95 + postage. See the enclosed flyer and order blank. A perfect Christmas gift! ORDER SOON!

Rev. Troy Periy and Rev. Jose Mojica recently returned from a very successful Conference and Spiritual Renewal in Mexico City. Look for the story in an upcoming JOURNEY Magazine.

Rev. Bonnie Daniel, District Coordinator, reports that a group of eight people are meeting in Boulder, Colorado.

Rev. Linda Bynum is the new pastor of MCC of New Orleans, Louisiana!

UFMCC CALENDAR 1984 ORDER FORM

Please send me copies of the UFMCC 1984 Calendar for

\$4.95 each \$

Postage \$1.00 \$

Total amount enclosed \$

NAME:.....

STREET ADDRESS

CITY:.....

STATE/PROVINCE.....

COUNTRY

ZIP/POSTAL CODE

Please make all checks/money orders payable to UFMCC in US funds only. Send to: UFMCC, 5300 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 304, Los Angeles, California 90029-9990, USA.

SALT OF THE EARTH RESOURCES



"You are the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13).

You are the ones who can flavor the world
with something different than it now knows.

Resources for the ministries of laity and clergy in the UFMCC and other churches.

Edited by: The Rev. Jeffrey Pulling, M.Div., Ph.D.
Coordinator of Samaritan Extended Studies
Consultant on Ministry Resources
11 Columbia Street
Hartford, CT 06106

NOVEMBER 1983

ENABLING LAY MINISTRY, PART 2

SALT OF THE EARTH RESOURCES (SOTER) is a resource bulletin published by Samaritan Extended Studies. SOTER presents resources for Christian ministry. A different area of ministry is covered each issue. SOTER (sō-táir) is Greek for Savior. To continue the ministry of our Savior, we must share with each other our resources.

This is the second issue of SOTER to focus on Enabling Lay Ministry. Last month's issue presented such resources as a course in lay pastoral care in Howard Stone's book, The Caring Church: A Guide for Lay Pastoral Care; workshops in lay ministry offered by The Institute of Religion (Houston, Texas) and The National Institute for Lay Training (New York, New York); the programs of The Laity Center (Newton Centre, Massachusetts); the lay ministry training program of MCC of the Resurrection in Houston, Texas; and a recommended bibliography on lay ministry. This month's issue offers further resources, namely the publications of The Alban Institute, Scriptographic Booklets, and a new correspondence course of Samaritan Extended Studies. It is the hope of this editor that both of these issues will enable the clergy and laity of the UFMCC to more fully claim their ministries and to more effectively carry them out.

All SOTER readers are urged to send to Samaritan Extended Studies copies of any lay ministry training programs that have been used in their congregation. Of particular interest are deacon training, peer counseling, assisting in worship services, evangelism and outreach, social service/action, and integrating one's faith and employment. Please share with your other UFMCC colleagues so that we might help each other to be the local congregations and the denomination that God is calling us to be.

SCRIPTOGRAPHIC BOOKLETS CAN BOOST LAY UNDERSTANDING AND INVOLVEMENT

Channing Bete Company publishes a huge variety of short illustrated booklets which present a simple, understandable, and ecumenical Christianity. These Scriptographic Booklets are wonderful for handouts to classes, worshipping congregations, mailing lists, visitors, and counselees. Areas covered by the booklets include stewardship, Bible study, church seasons, denominational surveys and histories, prayer, basic Christian beliefs, Christian mission, family ministry and crises, senior adults, alcohol and drugs, suicide, depression, stress, and wellness.

Scriptographic Booklets sell for 39¢ each. A catalog of all titles may be requested by writing to Channing Bete Co., Inc., 200 State Road, South Deerfield, MA 01373; or by calling toll free 1-800-628-7733. A catalog of all titles is available upon request.

PUBLICATIONS ON LAY MINISTRY FROM THE ALBAN INSTITUTE

The Alban Institute is a multi-denominational organization which focuses on the local church. Based in Washington, D.C., the staff of the Alban Institute does on-site training, consulting, research, and publishing. Several of their publications deal with lay ministry.

The Authority of the Laity by Verna Dozier, Publication No. AL63, \$5.00; Study Guide Publication No. AL63SG, \$1.50.

Being the Church: Developing and Sharing Our Ministry edited by Robert Johnson, Publication No. AL57, \$5.50.

Building Stronger Lay Committees edited by Patricia Drake, Publication No. AL67, \$3.75.

Lay Ministry: A Tool Kit by Loren Mead, Publication No. AL17, \$1.25.

Learning to Share the Ministry by James Adams and Celia Hahn, Publication No. AL9, \$4.50.

My Struggle to Be a Caring Person: Support for Laity in Their Ministries by Celia Hahn, James Adams, and Anne Amy, Publication No. AL56, \$6.00.

What Do I Have to Offer? Support for Laity in Their Ministries, Vol. II by Celia Hahn, James Adams, Anne Amy, and Barton Lloyd, Leader's Guide Publication No. AL65, \$8.00; Participant's Packet Publication No. AL65P, \$2.50.

Send all orders to: The Alban Institute, Publications Dept., Mount St. Alban, Washington, D.C. 20016. Specify the publication number of each booklet ordered and include a \$1.25 handling charge with each order. Checks should be payable to: The Alban Institute. A catalog of all publications and membership information may also be requested.

NEW CORRESPONDENCE COURSE ON MINISTRY

Clarifying and Renewing the Ministry, a new correspondence course offered by Samaritan Extended Studies, explores the ministry of clergy and the ministry of laypeople in the context of the whole ministry of the church. The textbook is William McElvaney's The People of God in Ministry (Abingdon Press, 1981).

The first half of the course deals with professional ministry. Areas covered include: the burdens and blessings of the clergy occupation, preparation and formation for ministry, spiritual discipline and renewal, measurements and evaluation, continuing education, and the madness/foolishness of Christian ministry.

The second half of the course explores the ministry of all Christians. The author presents the general ministry of all Christians as being a listening church, a learning church, a loving church, and a liberating church.

The author, William McElvaney, is President of Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Missouri. He uses his past experiences as a seminary administrator/instructor, pastor, and active layperson to illustrate this very illuminating and helpful book.

Clarifying and Renewing the Ministry is aimed toward clergy and student clergy to assist them in clarifying what their ministry is and how they can enable the lay members of the church to carry on their own ministry. The course is also helpful for lay leaders who want a better understanding of the ministry of the church and what clergy and lay roles are.

This correspondence course is worth one Samaritan credit (a college-level semester unit) and costs \$50, which includes tuition, textbook, study guide and test for each of the ten lessons, grading of tests, and awarding of credit upon successful completion of the course.

Orders should be sent to Samaritan Extended Studies, 11 Columbia Street, Hartford, CT 06106. All orders must be prepaid and in U.S. funds. Information and enrollment forms for all Samaritan correspondence courses may be requested from Samaritan Extended Studies. The six current courses are: What is the Bible?; The Life and Teaching of Jesus; Homosexuality and the Scriptures; UFMCC Polity; Clarifying and Renewing the Ministry; and Loving Yourself, Loving Others.

SAMARITAN COLLEGE INTER-TERM 1984
January 3-27

WEEKEND SEMINARS:

Christian Education Programing for the Local Church

Faculty: Rev. Sherre L. Boothman

Date and Time: January 13-14

Friday: 6pm-10pm

Saturday: 9am-12pm; 1pm-4pm; 6pm-8pm

Course Credit: 1

Location: Samaritan College

5300 Santa Monica Blvd, Suite 104
Los Angeles

Sexuality in the Judeo-Christian Tradition

Faculty: Rev. Ken Martin

Date and Time: January 20-21

Friday: 6pm-10pm

Saturday: 9am-12pm; 1pm-4pm; 6pm-8pm

Course Credit: 1

Location: MCC in the Valley

5730 Cahuenga Blvd.
North Hollywood

Gifts of Healing: History, Theory, and Practice

Faculty: Rev. Jim Glycer

Date and Time: January 27-28

Friday: 6pm-10pm

Saturday: 9am-12pm; 1pm-4pm; 6pm-8pm

Course Credit: 1

Location: Samaritan College

CLASSES:

UFMCC Polity

Faculty: Rev. Sherre L. Boothman

Time: Tuesdays, 7pm-9pm

Course Credit: 1

Location: Samaritan College

* NOTE: This course is designed as a seminar for the correspondence course on UFMCC Polity distributed by Samaritan Extended Studies Division. All participants will be required to purchase this correspondence course: cost \$50.00. This fee will include all tuition and registration fees.

Liturgical History

Faculty: Jennie Johnson

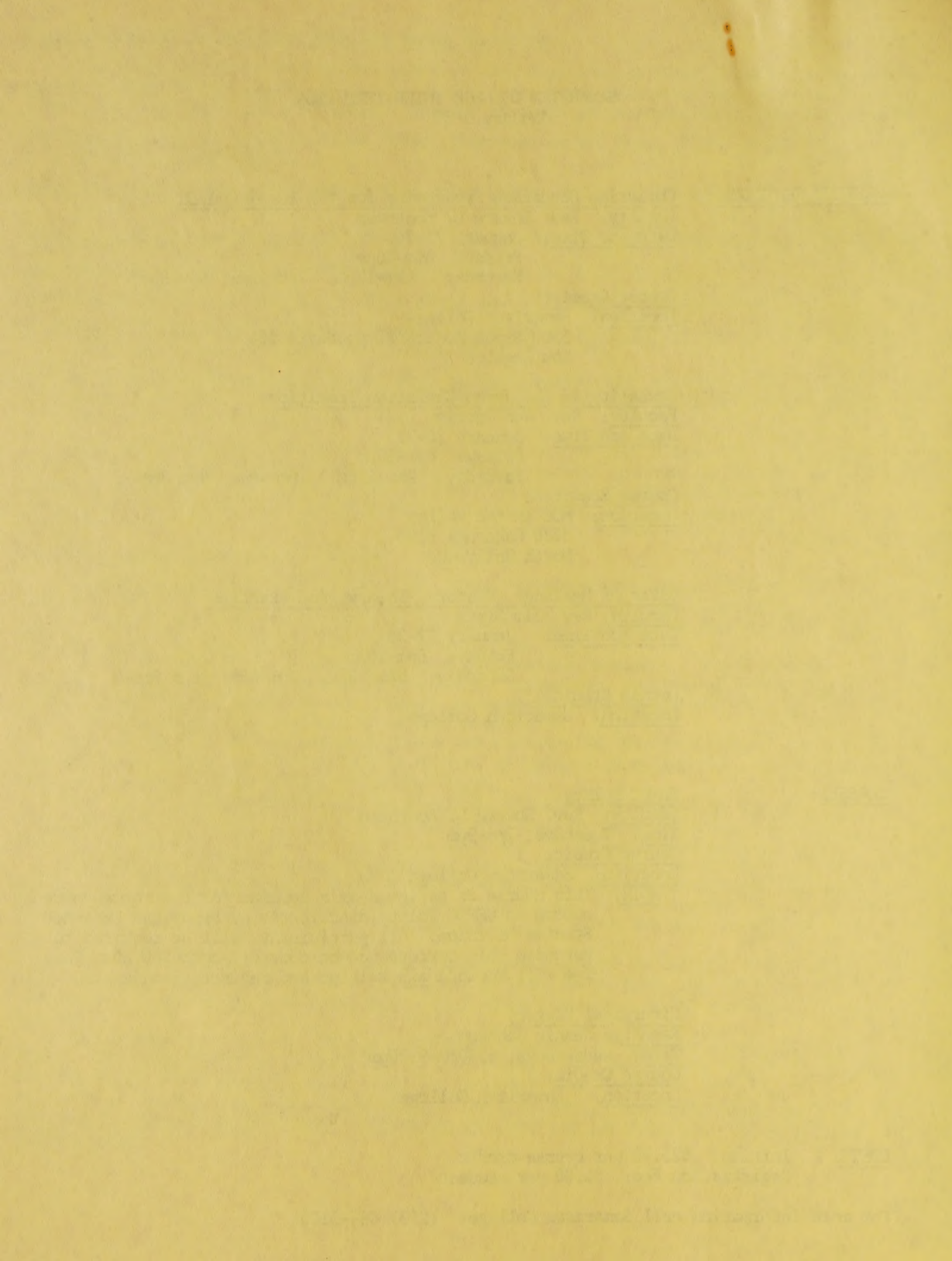
Time: Wednesdays, 6:30pm-9:30pm

Course Credit: 1

Location: Samaritan College

COSTS: Tuition: \$25.00 per course credit
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For more information call Samaritan College: (213) 464-5100



SAMARITAN COLLEGE SECOND SEMESTER 1984

February 6th - May 18th

REGISTRATION: February 1 - 3, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (or by appointment: call Samaritan College, 464-5100).

MONDAYS: Christian Education: Methodologies for the Local Church:

Faculty: Rev. Sherre L. Boothman

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Course Credits: 2

Location: Samaritan College

A Philosophy of Religion's Approach to Cults:

Faculty: Rev. Bjorn Marcussen

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. First seven weeks only. (February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 5, 12, 19).

Course Credits: 1

Location: MCC Long Beach
1231 Locust
Long Beach

History of Christian Thought:

Faculty: Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Course Credits: 3

Location: All Saints MCC
7985 Santa Monica Blvd. # 109-190
West Hollywood

TUESDAYS: Liberation Theology:

Faculty: Rev. Shelley Hamilton

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Course Credits: 2

Location: Samaritan College

WEDNESDAYS: Worship, Sacraments and Rites:

Faculty: Jennie Johnson

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Course Credits: 2

Location: Samaritan College

THURSDAYS: Philosophy of Religion's Approach to Secular Knowledge:

Faculty: Rev. Bjorn Marcussen

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Course Credits: 2

Location: MCC Long Beach

The Scriptural Basis of Inclusive Language:

Faculty: Rev. Nancy Radclyffe

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AN APOLOGY

To those who tried calling me recently only to have the answering device cut you off before you could leave a message, I am sorry. This is a month old machine that went on the blink. It has been exchanged for a new one. It is usually set on "voice activated" which means it will take as long a message as you wish to leave up to the 30 minute length of the tape.

WHAT'S SLACCC?

As many of you have realized, this is the acronym for Spiritual Life And Clergy Care Center which uses the "A" from "And". The first time I used the initials I realized that they pronounced like the word "slack". This seemed appropriate as this program is here to help provide some slack in the often too busy life of our leadership. The first dictionary definition of slack is, "not tense or taut". If we may help you to be more relaxed and able to swing with the punches as well as with God's guidance call or write us. Making a good day better is as much an objective as making a lousy day bearable.

Some of you have asked how SLACCC fits into the structure of the Fellowship. SLACCC is an institution covered by Article VB2 of the Bylaws. Pages F-9 to F-12 of the General Conference packet gives this and other structural detail. The Sr. Chaplain is appointed by the Board of Elders in a fashion similar to the Dean of Samaritan the other institution of UFMCC. Outreach Chaplains (Regional Chaplains in the above mentioned proposal) are appointed by the Sr. Chaplain after an application and reference procedure is followed.

SLACCC TELEPHONE

(213) 465-4227 is a number which can reach me 24-hours a day without ever having to go through the switchboard of the Fellowship offices. There is call forwarding on it so it can follow me. The answering device is in my home and is checked by me. Feel free to call at any time.

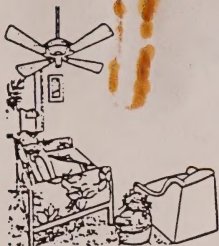
YOUR SPOUSE

Does your spouse or significant other know that SLACCC is here for her or him too? This sharing also has complete confidentiality so your future cannot be adversely affected by your partner's sharing with a SLACCC chaplain. One of the purposes of SLACCC is to help facilitate help and support resources especially for spouses. If your special person would be interested in being one of these resource people put him or her on to SLACCC.

THE ENCLOSED QUESTIONNAIRES or "Your Pension and Your Mail"

The enclosed questionnaires are designed to meet three purposes. If you fit any one of these three please fill it out and return to the SLACCC address NOT to the Fellowship!

1. To acquire correct actuarial information for your participation in the Clergy Pension Plan. In order to assure that your records and eventual retirement data will be accurate fill out all items that have an asterik. Do NOT assume that the Fellowship has the correct information somewhere. A similar form was enclosed with your new credentials, if you filled out all sections, your address is unchanged, you are not covered in 2 or 3 below and you returned that form you need not return this form.
 2. For clergy who are not attached to a local church or other listed Fellowship body this form will give SLACCC the correct information and permission to list you in the new Clergy at Large section of the Directory.
 3. So that SLACCC and other official Fellowship functions may have your home address and telephone number to facilitate communications. These will not be published or given out beyond these official functions unless you authorize it.
- Remember, SLACCC is the paperwork, record keeping, contribution collecting office for the Pension Plan.



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The Rev. Nancy L. Radclyffe, Sr. Chaplain



FOR CLERGY AT LARGE

"Clergy at Large" is a designation used for the purposes of the Directory and SLACCC to list clergy who receive their mail at locations other than local MCC's or other currently listed UFMCC locations. It is not a new category of ministry. Listing in this new section of the Directory will be done only if you request it. SLACCC will coordinate with the directory to accomplish this initially and to facilitate it in the long run.

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE # (_____) _____ DO NOT PUBLISH _____

WORK PHONE # (_____) _____ DO NOT PUBLISH _____

___ List me in the new "Clergy at Large" section of the Directory.

___ Use the above information only for SLACCC and official Fellowship (unpublished) communications.

___ Please do not publish any of the above but Nancy Radclyffe may use her discretion to give it to interested and helping people who may inquire about me.

___ List my address for First Class mail as c/o SLACCC.
This will appear in the Clergy at Large section as:

Your Name
c/o P.O. Box 691566
Los Angeles, CA 90069

Other Directions or Requests _____

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

PLEASE RETURN TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS

Please duplicate and share this form with other clergy who did not receive this mailing.

